



14th September 2020

Dear Parents,

This week we welcome 21 new Reception children full time to BGL. Their induction has needed to be a little different this year due to COVID-19 and is not the way we would normally do things. However, the children have enjoyed their first few days so far and we that this will continue throughout the rest of their time at BGL. We have been looking forward to finally having a whole school again!

Everyone is becoming more familiar with the routines around school and the children are settling well into their new classes and ways of working. They were also involved in more physical activities last week with our PNE sports coach.

Mr Melling

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## Markings

The blue arrows indicating the one way system outside school at pick up times and the white lines to encourage social distancing have been resprayed around school. Being semi-permanent, some had faded and we hope that these will continue to be of help.

## Seesaw

We are in the process of setting up all classes to use Seesaw as, during lockdown, this proved to be a useful resource. Seesaw is an online learning and communication platform App-based technology which allows:

- Teachers to find, create and upload activities to share with children.
- Children can use creative tools to take pictures, draw, record and more to capture learning in a 'portfolio'.
- Families can see their children's work and leave comments and encouragement.

This remote learning platform will provide an opportunity to support your child's learning at home.

## Department of Education - COVID-19 Testing Guidance

Anyone who experiences any coronavirus symptoms can get a free NHS test at a testing site or at home. Home kits should only be offered in the exceptional circumstance that you believe an individual may have barriers to accessing a test elsewhere.

## Testing Options

Visit the [get a free coronavirus \(COVID-19\) test](#) page to book a test. This will give you a range of testing options available in your local area. These will usually be:

- ◇ Test centre - booking a test at a drive-in test centre is likely to be the fastest way to get a test. You should be aware of the location of local test centres in order to advise staff, students, parents or carers.
- ◇ Home test kit - staff, parents or carers and FE students can order a home test kit for themselves or up to 3 members of their household.

<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JVB6TC49ss0>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zCqo7MhQT6U>

The above short videos provide more useful information.

**Parents and carers need to inform school immediately of the results of a test.**

We do know that there is a capacity issue with Government testing at the moment. However, school has an initial supply of testing kits to be offered to individuals in the exceptional circumstance that they have barriers to accessing testing elsewhere. Please contact school if you are having trouble and we may be able to provide you with a kit. These tests cannot be administered at school and must be registered online.