

# Keeping You Posted



4th September 2020

Dear Parents,

A very warm welcome back to the new school year. It is really exciting to see everyone safe and well after what has been a challenging few months. BGL is now full again, which is how we prefer it with more of "buzz" around the place which wasn't present during lockdown. The children have been fantastic on the first few days with their enthusiasm and cheerfulness. Yes, there are some things that are a little bit different from before and routines that we all need to get used to. We will continue to talk to the children about the new routines, any worries/anxieties they may have and changes we make so they feel secure and happy. These are different ways of working for all of us that we need to adjust to. If there is anything, that we need to know or you need support with then please get in touch with your child's class teacher or myself.

We will be addressing any gaps in children's learning and teachers will work on transition units to bridge the work from different year groups for Maths/English. For the first two weeks at least, the aim will be to build the children's confidence of being back in school and we will be working on our Recovery Curriculum. More information about the theory of why this approach is needed can be found on the following link:

<https://www.evidenceforlearning.net/recoverycurriculum/>

Just a few reminders about our new routines:

## Start/Finish Times

To ensure everyone is safe and to comply with government guidelines, we have staggered the school start/finish times of the school day. It is essential that these times are followed. We do understand that some parents have siblings with different start times, however, siblings will be allowed in earlier if necessary and be able to wait under the verandas. We will work together to support our families as we know things can be difficult.

Two year groups will need to line up side by side but will maintain 2m social distancing.

Please ensure that you observe 2m social distancing when bringing your child to school and collecting them at the end of the day.

## Reception, Year 1, Year 3 and Year 4

When bringing your child to school in the morning please enter the school grounds by the small gate at the front of school opposite the office. Wait by the KS1 gate where a member of staff will greet your child and allow them into school. Leave the grounds by the path on the left opposite KS1 gate. Please collect your child at the end of the day from their classrooms via the playground. Enter by the KS1 gate and leave via the KS2 gate at the far end of the playground.

Year Group	Start	Finish
Reception	8.30	2.45
Year 1	8.30	2.45
Year 3	8.45	3.00
Year 4	8.45	3.00

## Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6

Children will enter via the KS2 gate where they will be greeted by a member of staff and allowed into school. At the end of the day, children can be collected from their classrooms via the playground. Enter by the KS1 gate and leave via the KS2 gate at the far end of the playground.

<b>Year Group</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>Finish</b>
Year 2	8.30	2.45
Year 5	8.45	3.00
Year 6	8.45	3.00

### School Office

If you need to come to the school, entrance then please ensure social distancing.

### PE Kit

As stated in the letter, a reminder that when children are doing PE at school, children need to come in their PE kit for the day in line with LCC Guidance.

### Reading Books

Reading books will now be given out on Mondays and will be collected in on Fridays.

### Welfare Assistant

Mrs Whitehead has reluctantly resigned from her post as Welfare Assistant in order to foster another child. She has been a valuable member of the team and I know everyone will miss her.

This means we currently have a vacancy for a welfare assistant post at BGL. The position involves supervising children during dinner times and ensuring a safe environment both indoors and outdoors. Working hours will be Monday to Friday for 1 hour and 10 mins each lunchtime, paid at the Foundation Living Wage. If you are interested in this post then please contact school.

New routines are on our school website under "important information"- Coronavirus. if you need to refer to them.

Mr Melling



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## ***Open Evening***

The Headteacher, governors and staff warmly invite prospective parents, carers and pupils to

### **OPEN EVENING**

This will be held remotely and available on our school website from 5.30 pm to 8pm on **Thursday 10th September 2020**



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