



NEWSLETTER - FEBRUARY 1



Dear Parents/Carers,

Message From Mr Glasgow: School Plans Nationally

You will be aware that last week the Prime Minister announced that it will not be possible to resume face-to-face learning for all pupils immediately after the February half term and instead, hopes it will be safe to commence the reopening of school and colleges from Monday 8th March. This decision will obviously depend on a number of significant factors but it has been made in response to the national public health data and pressure on NHS capacity. The message is very clear **STAY AT HOME, SAVE LIVES, PROTECT THE NHS.**

In the announcement by the Prime Minister, apparently Education settings, as well as students, parents and carers, will be given at least two weeks' notice to prepare for a return to face-to-face education in one capacity or another. We sincerely hope that adequate notice will be given to allow us to have sufficient plans in place, as this certainly has not been the case to date.

Boldmere Schools will remain open to those vulnerable children and children of critical workers who are currently attending **after** February half term as they have been to date. Unless you inform us otherwise, we will assume that those children attending face-to-face provision at school, will continue the same provision after half term. All other pupils, as is the case presently, will continue to receive remote education at home. This is in line with the wider national lockdown measures to help minimise the spread of the virus and respond quickly to the new variant.

Education attendance restrictions are to be reviewed again in mid-February when the Government will look at when more pupils and students can be brought back into schools and further education.

We are fully aware this whole situation continues to be a massive challenge for us all. We relish the opportunity when children are able to return to schools safely, but at present this is not possible.

We hope our Boldmere community continues to stay safe and we take this opportunity to remind you that all schools will be closed to **all** pupils during February half term (15th-19th February 2021).

Many thanks again for your continued understanding and ongoing support during these unprecedented times.

Contacting School

Please can we remind you that if you have an attendance query, for example if you child is currently attending school and is not going to be in, please call the office or email enquiry@boldmere.bham.sch.uk.

If you need support with teaching and learning at home, for example, a query about a lesson or clarification of an activity please make contact via the year group email addresses.

Email addresses for correspondence specific to your child's class/year group, to support with teaching, learning and online/home learning support.

bib-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

nursery-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

reception-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

yr1-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

yr2-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk



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Key Stage 1 Google Meet 'Celebration Show And Tell'

Last week, Year Two classes trialled a live 'celebration show and tell' session with children at home via Google Meet (part of Google Classroom). Year Two staff really enjoyed (and got quite emotional!) 'seeing' the children and hearing all about the pieces of work they were most proud of. It was also a lovely opportunity for children to interact with some of their class friends. We know only too well how important such social interactions are for our children. We will continue to hold the 'Celebration Show and Tell' sessions for Year Two every Friday afternoon.

This week we will be starting the Google Meet Celebration Show and Tell sessions for Year One children. Please look out for a Parentmail with further information including the times of your Google Meet.

Please see below our Code of Conduct for Google classroom.

Thank you for your continued support.

Boldmere Infant and Nursery School Code of Conduct for Google Classroom Sessions

In order for us to safely carry out meetings via Google Classroom/Meet, we please ask that children:

- Sit against a neutral background
- Sit in a place in the home where parents will be present and can hear conversations that are being held, e.g. not in their bedrooms and not on their own.
- Do not take any photos or videos of live sessions or of the video recordings that are available on some lessons
- Dress in appropriate clothing (not pyjamas, but not school uniform either!)
- Ensure that all other tabs on the computer/tablet are closed in their browsers
- Use language that is appropriate for being at school and be respectful to others in the live stream
- Have the computer on a table, rather than holding it/on their lap as this can affect the sound quality
- Unlock their microphone only when asked by the teacher
- Only access the meet link during your allocated time slot, not prior to this starting. Ensure you leave the meeting at the end of your allocated time slot.

*Please note that sessions will be recorded for safeguarding purposes. These recordings are the property of the school and will not be shared with any other body unless there is a safeguarding concern.

*Live-stream sessions will be treated in the same way as all other personal data and in accordance with the school's data protection policies and GDPR regulations. By accessing the live-stream registration sessions, families understand and give consent that the sessions children take part in will be recorded. If children do not take part in live sessions, a member of school staff will contact the family weekly, for safeguarding and wellbeing checks, as is our current practice.

Thank you for your cooperation in adhering to this Code of Conduct.



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Children's Mental Health and Wellbeing Week

This week we are taking part in the National Children's Mental Health and Wellbeing week. A reminder that tomorrow, Wednesday 3rd November, is 'Inside out Day'.

We are asking that children wear items or a chosen item of clothing inside out for the day; this is to remind us that we don't always know how someone is feeling on the inside so we must always be kind to others. Children attending school may wear part of their school uniform inside out and we would love to see the children at home wearing some of their clothes inside out too. Please post on the Google Classroom feed.

For more information around children's mental health please take a look at the school website under the 'Remote Learning' tab in the 'Wellbeing' section.

Welcome Back

We look forward to welcoming Mrs Ankers back to school next week following her maternity leave. Mrs Ankers will be working in the reception class bubble on a part time basis.

Newsletter:

The weekly newsletter can also be found on the school website:
<https://www.boldmere.bham.sch.uk>

Registration for Nursery September 2021 Intake

Registration forms for children eligible to join the nursery in September 2021 (date of birth 01.09.2017 to 31.08.2018), are available from the school office or they can be downloaded from the school website under the Parents/Admissions tab.

If you know of anyone that may be interested in a nursery place then please get them to call us on 0121 464 2338.

Further information including a virtual tour will be available on the school website after half term.

Mrs S Kenny
Head of
School
02/02/2021