



NEWSLETTER - FEBRUARY 3

Dear Parents/Carers,

Message From Mr Glasgow:

Welcome Back!

We hope that you were able to enjoy and spend some quality time as a family during half-term without any 'home learning'. Whether you are 'remote learning' or attending school, we wish all of our children and families an enjoyable new school term, with a speedy return to some type of normality, which is looking more and more promising as each day passes.

PM's Announcement - 22/02/2021 - Good News!

As we had all been expecting, yesterday the Prime Minister outlined the government's 'roadmap out of lockdown'.

We now have confirmation that all pupils will be expected to return to school from 8th March 2021. The plans of returning to face-to-face education in schools and colleges is the first step in exiting this lockdown. However, before taking each step, the Government will review each step against four tests, which are:

1. Vaccine deployment programme continues successfully.
2. Evidence shows vaccines are sufficiently effective in reducing hospitalisations and deaths in those vaccinated.
3. Infection rates do not risk a surge in hospitalisations, which would put unsustainable pressure on the NHS.
4. Assessment of the risks is not fundamentally changed by new Variants of Concern.

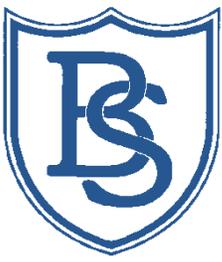
We are all desperately hoping that on the basis of the Government's assessment of the current data against the four tests, step 1 will start with schools returning to normal as anticipated from 8th March.

We are genuinely excited to welcome all the children back to school on this date and it is definitely the right thing to do.

We are currently looking at the new operational guidance for schools and the Full Governing Board will be holding an Extraordinary Meeting this week to discuss the return of all pupils also. We will then be in touch as soon as possible to inform you of the arrangements for the children's return.

Thank you again for your patience, ongoing support and understanding, it is very much appreciated.

We cannot wait to see our whole school community!



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Road Closure - Cofield Road on Wednesday 24th February 2021

We have been notified by Birmingham City Council that due to tree works, Cofield Road will be closed from Boldmere Junior School down to the junction of Boldmere Road from 8am until 3pm tomorrow. This will mean that you will be unable to exit Cofield Road onto Boldmere Road.

We have tried to gain more information from Birmingham City Council about the road closures but there is no extra information available. So please be aware that the roads around school may be very busy tomorrow and it may be worth avoiding driving onto Cofield Road.

Change of School Catering Provider

As of yesterday, school changed their lunchtime provider to a company called Dolce. This new provider allows parents to log onto Dolce's management system, School Grid and order children's meals directly from home, thereby having an active involvement in meal choices for each child.

School Grid will shortly be contacting all parents by email to introduce themselves and to begin the registration process. School's aim is for this new system to go live from 8th March but further information will follow as soon as we are able to confirm this. Please look out for your email from School Grid and register!

Diary Dates

Spring Term 2021

Thursday 1st April- Break up for Easter holidays.

Monday 19th April- School re-opens to all pupils.

Thursday 27th May- Break up for half term holidays.

Friday 28th May- Professional Development Day, school closed to all pupils.

Monday 7th June- School re-opens to all pupils.

Tuesday 20th July- Break up for summer holidays.

Wednesday 21st July- Professional Development Day, school closed to all pupils.

Book Week- Week Commencing 1st March

We are really excited that next week is book week and it is also our last week of home learning! Our lessons in each year group will be based on the story of the Three Little Pigs and all of your learning will be found under the new 'book week' tab on Google Classrooms. English/Literacy lessons will focus on the story for each year group and we are linking our learning in the foundation subjects so that there will be lots of family activities for you to enjoy based around the story. Throughout the week, you will be given lots of photo opportunities to share with your teachers and friends. On World Book Day, we are asking you to dress up as your favourite book character and send in photos of yourselves, so you may want to start thinking of your costume idea!

When you return to school on 8th March, you will be given your £1 World Book Day token. Please note that although the token states that they are valid until 28th March, the website advises that retailers will honour the tokens beyond this date while stocks last.

For more information please see the world book day website where you will also find other activities and competitions.

<https://www.worldbookday.com/2020/09/world-book-day-2021-announcements/>



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Contacting School

Please can we remind you that if you have an attendance query, for example if your 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

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 on Friday 26th February.

Mrs S Kenny
Head of
School
23/02/2021