

# NEWSLETTER - JANUARY 1

Dear parents/carers,

Well what a week this has turned out to be!

I thank you all for your patience during this last week. I know that the events announced last Monday had a huge impact on everyone's lives, and as a school we have been working hard to support you and your families, as well as reassure and look after our school staff. Quite frankly, this has been a very overwhelming week for all of us.

However, I would like to thank the many parents who have contacted school with their kind words. We have received emails and phone calls acknowledging how difficult these times are and offering words of encouragement for all staff and the senior leadership team. These messages are greatly appreciated thank you.

Whilst we have welcomed some children back into our critical worker classes, we are fully aware that there are many families at home that have not had the opportunity to send their children back into school. The decisions that we have made have been difficult, and made even more so due to individual circumstances that many families are facing.

We are following Government guidance, but making decisions based on our school community. These decisions are being reviewed regularly.

## Home Learning

The Government has recently updated their guidance on Home learning provision. We have been reviewing our provision in the light of new guidance, and teachers have been uploading new information/resources onto Google classroom. We hope that your children are all enjoying the new videos that are being provided to support their learning. Our updated Home Learning policy will be available on our school website later this week, but we have attached an outline of our January 2021 home learning offer to this week's newsletter.

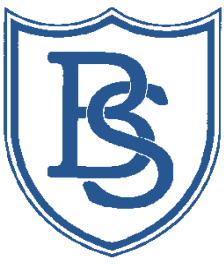
We understand that home circumstances are different for each of our Boldmere families, and this makes home schooling a very different experience in each household. Please be reassured that we understand the pressures that many families are under. Many of us are parents ourselves and are juggling our own home schooling too- although I must admit I would rather teacher 30 Infant children than the two teenagers currently working at my house!! Just do what home learning you can and when you can. If you need support with any on line learning, please email the year group email address.

## Message From Mr Glasgow:

### Staff Absence - Week Commencing 11/01/2021

Unfortunately, we have 12 members of staff absent across both of our schools, 5 at the infants and 7 at the juniors. These staff are absent for a variety of valid and different reasons and we hope they are able to return as soon as possible. Having this many staff absent from their school duties, obviously affects our operational capacity in all areas of our work. So once again, I ask you to please bear with us as we are having to adapt to constant daily changes, all at the very last minute, which is certainly not ideal.

Thank you in advance of your support and understanding regarding staff absence and how this impacts upon our operational capacity.



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## Free School Meal Vouchers

We have been advised today that free school meal vouchers will shortly be made available for those who are eligible. As soon as we receive further information, we will contact you.

However, if any parents/carers of children eligible for free school meals require this provision with immediate effect, please contact the school.

## Wellbeing Phone Calls

Staff will be phoning families regularly to check-in with children. In addition, if you require support from staff for any wellbeing issues or advice, please email the year group email address.

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](mailto:bib-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)

[nursery-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:nursery-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)

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## Reception Admissions - September 2021 - Important, Closing Date For Applications Is This Week

The online application process is now live to register your child for Reception 2021. Please visit the website at:

[www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions) for further information.

The closing date for applications is **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021**.

## Newsletter:

The weekly newsletter can also be found on the school website:

<https://www.boldmere.bham.sch.uk>

## Year Two Parents

### Transfer from Year 2 to Year 3 September 2021. Important, Closing Date For Applications Is This Week

- Letters will be sent home this week to all year two children.
- The transfer from Year 2 to Year 3 online application form can be found by visiting:  
[www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

The closing date for applications is **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021**.

## 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.

Mrs S Kenny  
Head of  
School  
12/01/2021