



Dear Parents/Guardians

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General Information

A positive Covid-19 case with a year 2 child has been confirmed this morning. At the time of writing this newsletter we have spoken to Public Health England and upon our initial discussions and consultation with our Chair of Governors **all children in Year 2** will be required to **self-isolate for 14 days**. The child was in school on Monday 12th October and as a result, all children will have to self-isolate **from Monday 12th October to Monday 26th October**. Year 2 children can return to school following half term on Monday 2nd November. Any child that was absent from school on 8th, 9th or 12th October will be contacted directly to discuss individual return dates. **No other classes or children have been identified as positive contacts.**

This is a very unfortunate situation particularly as 2S have only just returned to school. Please rest assured that we are looking again at ways that we can facilitate playtimes and lunchtimes to reduce the contact between class and year group bubbles, and thereby reducing the impact of positive cases.

Please work with school and follow the National and local guidelines. Every week we have given advice but as a school, we feel that this needs a further reminder today; **If you, your child or anyone in your household has symptoms or has taken a test you must not allow your child or siblings to attend school.**

We have school systems in place to manage any positive cases but we need parents to take some responsibility in keeping all children, staff and members of the community safe. We wish the child in year 2 a speedy recovery.
Thank you for your continued support.

Collection and Drop Off

Many thanks to everyone who is working with us to social distance, to drop off and pick up at your allotted times and for working together to keep everybody safe. We continue to work on the areas some of you have asked questions about, particularly regarding Year 3 drop off and collection point. Thank you for your support and patience.

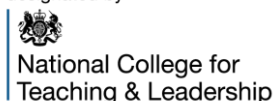
Delivery of items during the school day - reminder

A reminder, to help reduce the need for the office staff to deliver items to children in their different class bubbles, please ensure your child brings everything they need with them at the start of the school day, e.g. coats, lunchboxes, water bottles etc. Thank you.

Nasal Flu Immunisation – Thursday 26 November 2020

We are writing to advise parents/guardians that NHS Birmingham Community Healthcare Immunisation team will be coming into school on Thursday 26 November to administer the Nasal Flue vaccination to year 3, year 4, year 5 and year 6 children. Consent forms were sent

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This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment

home with your child **yesterday**. **The forms need to be completed fully, whether you DO or DO NOT wish your child to receive the vaccine. Please make sure you include a contact telephone number and return the form to school by Friday 23 October 2020.**

Parent Consultations

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, Parent Consultations will take place via telephone this year. See below for details:

- **Monday 19 October: 3U,4W,5P,6T**
- **Tuesday 20 October: 3K,4B,5J,6F**
- **Wednesday 21 October: 3H,4M,5E,6J**

Further information regarding this has been sent out via Parentmail and paper copies of the forms were sent out yesterday, to be returned.

FAO Yr 6 Parents – Final Reminder – Secondary School Application – September 2021 – Important Information

A final reminder to year 6 parents. The closing date for receipt of any secondary school applications is **31 October 2020**. **All applications must be completed online.** Should you have any difficulty accessing, please contact Admissions direct on 0121 303 1888.

Rucksacks and School Bags

As of tomorrow, your child will be able to bring a bag or rucksack with them to school. With the weather ever changing and children having to carry their belongings into school, we are aware this can be difficult. Please continue to only send children in with their coat, lunchbox/snack and drink as they currently are. Please note that the bag must be able to fit into their locker (or on a peg) with the child's coat.

Teaching School Students

We are continuing to work with BCU to provide placements for teacher training students during this academic year. We would like to reassure parents/carers that we have Risk assessments, provided by BCU, for any students who are working within a school setting during Covid-19. The students will form part of their allocated class bubble, and will have no contact with other bubbles in school.

During the autumn term we are welcoming a student into class 3U.

Events

Diary Dates

- **October – Black History Month**
- **23 October – Break up for half term holiday**
- **2 November – School re-opens to all pupils.**
- **11 November – Remembrance Day event in school for pupils**
- **12 November – School Photographer in school**
- **13 November - Children in Need Sponsored Event**
- **26 November – Nasal Flu Immunisation – yrs 3 to y6 pupils**
- **18 December – Break up for Christmas holidays**

Black History Month

As we are sure you are aware, the month of October is Black History Month. The children in school have been working hard, learning about inspirational black figures from history and the impact they had on people's lives. Please keep an eye on our school Twitter account for some examples of the work children have been doing and take a look at our school website for more information about Black History Month.

School Photographer – Thursday 12 November 2020

We have arranged for children to have school photographs taken on **Thursday 12 November**. The photographer will be taking individual photographs but we are unfortunately not able to facilitate siblings or family groups as we usually do.

Parents/carers will be provided with unique codes to view, order and pay for purchases. The photographs will then be delivered to your home address and will involve a small postage charge. No orders will be taken through school, but we are expecting that the online process will ensure photographs will still be available for Christmas presents!

Online Reading System – ‘Myon’ for Junior School Children

Information was sent out via Parentmail yesterday regarding our new online reading system ‘Myon’ for the children in the junior school. If you have not received the letter, please contact your child's teacher via the year group email address, and a copy of the letter can be sent home with your child. Year 3 will bring their username and password home with them tonight. For years 4, 5 and 6, their username and password is the same as they use for the Accelerated Reader system that is used in school. Please ask your child to speak to their class teacher if they are unsure of the username/password.

Covid-19 Related Pupil Absence

Attached to the newsletter is a quick reference guide for parents and staff regarding Covid-19 related pupil absence.

Drop and Collect Covid Testing Service

See attached letter from Birmingham City Council regarding the above service.

Boldmere's Best Certificates

This week's class certificate winners are:

- **Assembly Ambassadors: 4W**
- **Marvellous Manners: 5P**
- **Lunchtime Leaders: 5E**
- **Spick and Span: 4B**
- **Responsible Role Models: 4M**

Busy Bodies News

November booking forms are now available to download from our website or collect from Busy Bodies. Please note as stated on last week's newsletter and on the back of November booking form that numbers are limited. **Please be prompt with your booking form to enable us to accommodate your requirements (previous newsletter regarding capacity at Busy Bodies). Booking forms are to be returned no later than 21st October.** Any forms returned after this date or if previous month's fees have not yet been paid, we may be unable to offer you the days you require.

Registration fees! – Some of these fees are still outstanding and we will be contacting you in the next day or so by email or a phone call before we can take any further bookings. Please check your parentpay account to ensure you have paid your fees which were due at the end of July in order to secure your place for the academic year.

Evening collection – As requested in previous newsletters, when collecting your child once you have rung the bell and you have been acknowledged by BB staff, please find a safe place to stand and wait for your child to be brought to you. This enables other parents to collect their children promptly too.

Community News

Bishop Walsh Catholic School-Virtual Open Evening – for more details on applying to Bishop Walsh Catholic School for 2021 start, go to <https://www.bishopwalsh.net/open-evening-2020>

Parenting Self-Care Support -5th October 2020 -19:30 - 20:30 Via Zoom

As part of the #youvebeenmissed campaign, Lydia Stafford, a Mental Health Nurse working in the Forward Thinking Birmingham’s early help team is leading a webinar to support parents. Lydia is passionate about supporting parents to maintain and strengthen relationships with their children, whilst being able to manage difficulties and challenges. There are many transitions ahead for everyone moving slowly back into life after lockdown; Lydia will explain why self-care as a parent at this time is a priority not only for well-being but also in supporting and being “present” for their children during these transitions.

<https://bep.education/events/parenting-self-care-support-2/>

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