



NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 2

Dear Parents/Carers,

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 I 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.

Diary Dates:

Autumn Term 2020

13th October - Nursery and Reception sponsored walk.

19th October to 23rd October - Parent consultations via telephone.

23rd October- Year One- When I Grow Up I Want To Be day

23rd October - Break up for half term holiday.

2nd November - School re-opens to all pupils.

5th November - School photographer for all classes and nursery.

26th November - Nasal Flu Immunisation - Reception, Year One and Year Two.

18th December - Break up for Christmas holidays.

Reception Admissions - September 2021

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

www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions for further information.

The closing date for applications is **Friday 15th January 2021**.

Year Two Parents

Transfer from Year 2 to Year 3 September 2021

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

The closing date for applications is **Friday 15th January 2021**.

School Photographs

We have arranged for children to have school photographs taken on **Thursday 5th 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!



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Busy Bodies

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.

Celebrating Attendance

Congratulations to RB, Hedgehog class and 1W, Lion class for achieving 100% attendance last week. Well done!

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 students into Owl class, Lion class, and Bee class.

- **Nasal Flu Immunisation -**
- **Thursday 26th November 2020**
- NHS Birmingham Community Healthcare Immunisation team
- will be coming into school on Thursday 26th November to administer the Nasal Flu vaccination to Reception, Year One and Year Two classes.
- Consent forms will be sent home with your child this week. The form needs to be completed fully, whether you **Do** or **Do Not** wish your child to receive the vaccine, please make sure you include a daytime contact telephone number and return to school by **Friday 23rd October** at the latest.

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/>

Parent Consultations

Unfortunately, due to the current Covid-19 situation, we are unable to hold face to face meetings with parents as we would usually do during this half term.

We will be offering telephone appointments with your child's class teacher, during the week of 19th to 23rd October. Letters were sent home with your child last week. Teachers will be confirming appointment times with parents this week.



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Boldmere Family Displays

We consider our school to be a very large family, therefore we would love your child to bring in a family photograph. We want to make a whole school "Boldmere Family" display to celebrate how families and schools work together. Please note that photographs are being used for a display so they may fade or be pinned (a copy or spare photograph is ideal). This includes nursery and the BIB-Giraffe class.

Boldmere Library

Boldmere Library is open for order and collect. Staff are in the library on Tuesday's and Thursday's from 10am-12pm and 2pm-4pm and are able to offer a service where people can come to the door and staff will then select books for them to take away to read.

Drop And Collect Covid Testing Service

Please see the attached letter from Birmingham City Council regarding the drop and collect Covid testing service.

Covid-19 Related Pupil Absence

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

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

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13th October 2020