



NEWSLETTER - SEPTEMBER 3

Dear Parents/Carers,

Start and End Of The School Day Changes

Thank you to all parents/carers who are supporting us with the new staggered start and end times to the school day.

We hope that the new times are helping parents/carers with siblings at both schools.

Please can we remind you that only ONE adult comes onto the school site during drop off and collection times and that you adhere to the timings. Please do not arrive too early.

The new times are:

Reception- 9am start time and 3.10pm collection time. 12pm collection on a Friday.

Year One- 8.55am start time and 3.15pm collection time. 12.05pm collection on a Friday.

Year Two- 8.50am start time and 3.20 collection time. 12.10pm collection on a Friday.

Home/School Learning Update...

We are currently working with staff across both Infant and Junior school to facilitate our home learning offer. Following DfE guidance, we are required to submit our home learning plans by the end of September. Further details will be circulated in next week's newsletter but please be reassured that we are working hard to ensure the systems we introduce are manageable and sustainable for both staff and families.

COVID 19 Guidance-

The main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are:

- A high temperature- above 38.
- A new, continuous cough - this means coughing a lot for more than an hour / three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste - this will probably not be applicable for Infant children but may affect older siblings or parents.

If you have any of these symptoms you must get a test to check if you have coronavirus and stay at home until you get your result. Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home until you get your result. If you need medical advice, contact NHS 111. Children should not be coming into school if they have any of these symptoms.

You need to inform school immediately with any results of tests when you receive them. School will require a copy of any test results.

Welcome To Boldmere School and Nursery

We would like to welcome all of the new Reception and Nursery children and families who have started at school over the last week. The Reception children started full time yesterday and nursery have had a staggered intake, all children seem to be settling in very well.

Contact With School

Please use the school email address enquiry@boldmere.bham.sch.uk for all correspondence relating to absence, lunch clubs, parentpay, and general enquiries to the school office. Mrs. Kenny and the office staff check emails throughout the day.

Year group email addresses have been activated to support with teaching, learning and online/home learning support in each year group. Year leaders check and respond to these enquiries as necessary.

If you are in doubt, please always use the main enquiry email and we will forward your enquiry to the appropriate staff member.

The office is only open for emergencies. If you do need to speak to the office staff please use the hand sanitiser before entering school and strictly **one** adult or family at a time in the entrance area. Please wait outside until advised to enter. Please adhere to social distancing guidelines.

Diary Dates:

Autumn Term 2020

13th October - Nursery and Reception sponsored walk.

23rd October - Break up for half term holiday.

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

18th December - Break up for Christmas holidays.



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Mathletics (an online learning resource to support children with their maths)

Children will be bringing home new logins for Mathletics later on this week along with further information for the use of Mathletics at home. This includes Reception children, please look out for information in book bags.

Celebrating Attendance

We want to continue celebrating excellent attendance in school each week so will continue to publish details of the best class (or classes) in our weekly newsletter. The importance of attending school every day cannot be stressed enough and we are sure that parents/ carers would agree with us.

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.

PTA News

Hi all and welcome to a very different year for Boldmere PTA. Although, for the moment, large events may not run as they normally do we are pleased to announce that we will still be able to offer you the fabulous, your child designed Christmas cards that we offer every year. Your little one will design their own card and we can get that made up for you to send to all your friends and family. Look out for the instructions that will be sent home from school. **Please follow us on Facebook and Twitter to find out anything that's going on. You can also email us at boldmere.pta@gmail.com and we can add you to the mailing list.**

School Council 2020

As our school council had their year cut short last year we have decided that our year one, now year two, school council representatives will keep their role until Christmas. Therefore, for the Autumn term Flynn, Hattie, Uzair, Flynn, Rosie and Thomas will continue to work with Mrs Mason to help make improvements across the school- watch this space for what we get up to! In the New Year children in years one and two will have the opportunity to apply to become a school council representative for the Spring and Summer terms.

Sponsored walk- Reception and Nursery children

We are holding a sponsored walk for all of Reception and Nursery children on Tuesday 13th October. The walk will take place on the school field during the school day with the children's class teachers. Reception children will walk three laps and Nursery will complete two. All monies raised will go towards updating our outdoor resources so that we can continue to provide children with an engaging and stimulating environment.

A sponsor form will be send out shortly and we ask that you pay all sponsor money via ParentPay.

When monies have been collected and spent we will share with you how much fun we having with our new equipment!

Thank you for your support, Reception and Nursery teams.

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

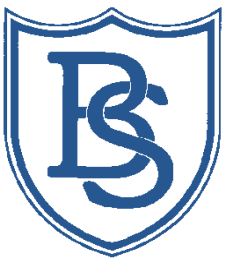
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School Census - Please Help!

We have to complete a detailed School Census on behalf of the Department for Education three times every year. The first date this year is Thursday 1st October. This is the mechanism by which the school receives funding for pupils. It is absolutely essential that we claim all of the money that the school is entitled to receive to maintain our standards at Boldmere. One of the areas that we are asked to complete, is the number of children with a parent or parents who are Service Personnel serving in regular HM Forces military units or in the Armed Forces of another nation and stationed in England. Members of the Territorial Army are not classed as the regular armed forces for the purpose of the Census. The other specific group that we are required to complete is the number of children adopted from care. The DfE asks parents to provide supporting evidence, such as a photocopy of the adoption order. We realise that this is sensitive information and need to assure parents that this information is confidential and will only be used for completion of the Census. The funding for school dinners is also based on the number of dinners provided on that day and we ask for as much support as possible on this census day. We will be sending invitations out for our 'welcome back bubble party' (not the Prosecco kind)! So please make sure you check book bags regularly.

Frequently Asked Questions

Birmingham City Council have produced a comprehensive COVID 19 FAQ document which was added to our school website yesterday under our COVID 19 information tab. Please do take the time to read the information provided. We hope you find the information to be of some use.

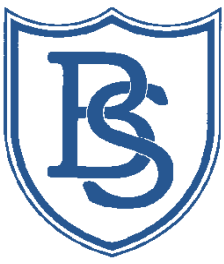
Letter from Dr Justin Varney

Please see letter attached.

Message from Mr Glasgow - Drop off and Collection

I am sure that we are all aware that it is looking very likely that the government is going to introduce further preventative measures to mitigate the rising risks of COVID 19. At the time of writing, we are not aware of what these will be and what impact they will have upon our school and our wonderful community.

With this in mind, we desperately need your support and cooperation when dropping off and collecting your children. It is the responsibility of us all to ensure that we are keeping a social distance and not causing congestion by arriving before or after your allocated staggered times. Everyone has to do their bit and as mentioned previously, there is no need for parents/carers to come on to the junior school site at all when dropping off children. They are more than capable of walking through an entrance point by themselves. As soon as your child is on the school site you can disperse as quickly as possible and there is no need for any conversing of any kind as this just prohibits all social distancing measures put in place. We are aware that there is a particular issue in relation to our year 3 entrance/exit as the main reception is certainly a pinch point. We will be looking at introducing a one way system to alleviate the concerns around this area, which will be introduced in due course, but again we need your cooperation if this is to work. Although not mandatory, I would recommend all those who feel vulnerable for whatever reason to wear a mask as this will again help with the challenges that surround us all. By working together, we can help to keep everyone safe. It is the responsibility of us all.



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Busy Bodies

A very warm welcome to our new Reception children. A gentle reminder to parents when bringing their children to us in the morning that they will have to give their last hugs and kisses outside as parents are not allowed into our setting as per school guidelines. We understand this may be a little challenging the first few days and if your child is upset when you leave, please be reassured that they will be given lots of support to settle into our welcoming environment by our wonderful, caring staff. We now understand that all user names and passwords have been given out and we have been onto Parentpay and assigned your children to Busy Bodies Before and After school club and Busy Bodies Registration 20/21 for you to complete your registration fees and October booking form payment. We will debit any September booking payments to your account in the next few days.

October Booking forms are available online and at Busy Bodies when you collect your child. Please note the new collection charging fees are on the back of the October booking form, these may differ from week commencing 14th September because of class leaving time changes. We will debit you separately for the first two weeks back (14th & 21st September) as these collection times were not included in our fees on September bookings.

From October's booking form w/c 28th, these charges can be incorporated by yourselves when booking your afternoon times. Please feel free to call if you need any assistance.

All booking forms must be returned by Wednesday 23rd September to ensure your days requested can be accommodated due to social distancing guidelines and staff capacity. All payments must be made by Monday 28th September. We appreciate your support with prompt bookings and payments.

Mrs S Kenny
Head of School
22nd September 2020