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Dear Parents/Carers

We hope this newsletter finds you safe and well. Every week brings new challenges and changes for us all and this week is no exception, with the introduction of voluntary lateral flow testing for staff. We take this opportunity to once again thank you for your support and understanding during these difficult and ever-changing times.

Next week is National Children's Mental Health and Wellbeing week so please look out for the lovely activities planned by your incredible teachers! We believe that this should be a priority and a focus every week, and we know that some of you are finding this a very challenging time. So, to all our parents and carers, we may not be able to see you at the school gate in the same way or meet with you in person to talk about your concerns, but we are still very much here, and your children remain our priority.

We know you are doing your best and thank you for the everyday challenges you continue to face and overcome. Our children will learn more resilience than ever before, and we hope they also continue to learn the skills of appreciation and kindness, as these values are more important than ever! So please know that we set a minimum of 4 hours of work every day because that is the expectation for Junior schools, as set out by government guidelines, but that if there is a day, a lesson, a moment where this is too much, we completely understand.

National Children's Mental Health and Wellbeing Week

Next week (WB 01/02/21), we will be taking part in the National children's mental health week. Mental Health and wellbeing are important components to a healthy lifestyle and, in the current climate, more important than ever. Over the course of the week, your child's teacher will plan various activities into the timetable with a wellbeing focus. These are suggested activities and you may wish to take some time to focus on wellbeing at other times to suit your family.

On Wednesday 3rd February, we will be taking part in a mental health and wellbeing festival organised by a charity called Now and Beyond (<https://nowandbeyond.org.uk>). As part of this festival, we ask that children wear something inside out for the day; this is to remind us that we never know how someone is feeling on the inside so we must always be kind to others. Those children attending school may wear part of their school uniform inside out and we would love to see the children at home wearing some of their clothes inside out during their morning registration session.

Code of Conduct for Google Classroom Sessions – Boldmere Junior School

See attached letter to parents/carers regarding the above.

Lateral Flow Testing for Staff

School has, today, received Lateral flow tests for use by school staff. This information was shared by the Government last week and we are pleased to be able to facilitate this testing at Boldmere.

Lateral flow testing is to identify asymptomatic cases of Covid-19. It is recognised that 1 in 3 people who test positive for Covid-19 have no symptoms, so identifying these cases will help reduce transmission. Should a member of staff test positive, school will identify all close contacts and follow the procedures currently in place. This may include closure of class bubbles. If this does occur, staff and close contacts will be required to self isolate in line with NHS and Government guidance.

E- Safety

Ensuring that children are safe when using information technology, is an essential life skill and is needed more now than ever with children having increased screen time and access to the internet.

We wanted to remind you that on the school website, under 'Safeguarding' > 'E-safety' you can access useful resources and links to websites which offer age-appropriate resources and information for parent and carers. These can also be found on your child's Google Classroom in the 'Parent Information' folder.

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 only.

yr3-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

yr4-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

yr5-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

yr6-contact@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 infant 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.

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