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Dear Parents/Carers

Message From Mr Glasgow:

Welcome Back!

We hope that you were able to enjoy and spend some quality time as a family during half-term without any ‘home learning’. Whether you are ‘remote learning’ or attending school, we wish all of our children and families an enjoyable new school term, with a speedy return to some type of normality, which is looking more and more promising as each day passes.

PM’s Announcement – 22/02/2021 – Good News!

As we had all been expecting, yesterday the Prime Minister outlined the government’s ‘roadmap out of lockdown’.

We now have confirmation that all pupils will be expected to return to school from 8 March 2021. The plans of returning to face-to-face education in schools and colleges is the first step in exiting this lockdown. However, before taking each step, the Government will review each step against four tests, which are:

1. Vaccine deployment programme continues successfully.
2. Evidence shows vaccines are sufficiently effective in reducing hospitalisations and deaths in those vaccinated.
3. Infection rates do not risk a surge in hospitalisations, which would put unsustainable pressure on the NHS.
4. Assessment of the risks is not fundamentally changed by new Variants of Concern.

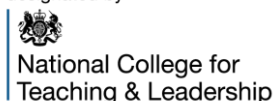
We are all desperately hoping that on the basis of the Government’s assessment of the current data against the four tests, step 1 will start with schools returning to normal as anticipated from 8 March.

We are genuinely excited to welcome all the children back to school on this date and it is definitely the right thing to do.

We are currently looking at the new operational guidance for schools and the Full Governing Board will be holding an Extraordinary Meeting this week to discuss the return of all pupils also. We will then be in touch as soon as possible to inform you of the arrangements for the children’s return.

Thank you again for your patience, ongoing support and understanding, it is very much appreciated. We cannot wait to see our whole school community!

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Road Closure - Cofield Road on Wednesday 24th February 2021

We have been notified by Birmingham City Council that due to tree works, Cofield Road will be closed from Boldmere Junior School down to the junction of Boldmere Road from 8am until 3pm tomorrow. This will mean that you will be unable to exit Cofield Road onto Boldmere Road.

We have tried to gain more information from Birmingham City Council about the road closures but there is no extra information available. So please be aware that the roads around school may be very busy tomorrow and it may be worth avoiding driving onto Cofield Road.

Change of School Catering Provider

As of yesterday, school changed their lunchtime provider to a company called Dolce. This new provider allows parents to log onto Dolce's management system, School Grid and order children's meals directly from home, thereby having an active involvement in meal choices for each child. School Grid will shortly be contacting all parents by email to introduce themselves and to begin the registration process. School's aim is for this new system to go live from 8th March but further information will follow as soon as we are able to confirm this. Please look out for your email from School Grid and register!

Diary Dates

Spring Term 2021

Thursday 1st April- Break up for Easter holidays.

Monday 19th April- School re-opens to all pupils.

Thursday 27th May- Break up for half term holidays.

Friday 28th May- Professional Development Day, school closed to all pupils.

Monday 7th June- School re-opens to all pupils.

Tuesday 20th July- Break up for summer holidays.

Wednesday 21st July- Professional Development Day, school closed to all pupils.

Lunchtime Supervisor Positions

In preparation for the wider opening of school, we are seeking to appoint additional lunchtime supervisors in the Junior School. If you are interested in the post, please contact the school office to leave your name and contact number.

World Book Day – 4 March 2021

Thursday 4 March is World Book Day, and this year it will look a little bit different as you will still be learning from home during that week. At the juniors, we are going to be holding a Whole School Book Week based on the story 'Rain before Rainbows' which was published last year. Class teachers have been busy planning the week for you, so that a lot of your learning is based around the book itself. Throughout the week, you will be given lots of opportunities to share photos and work with your teachers and friends. On World Book Day (4 March), we are asking you to dress up in the colours of the rainbow (rather than as a book character) and we will share a little happiness -through bright colours- in our live registration session. If your child is in school on Thursday 4 March then please send them in with these colours on as well. Throughout the week, you will be guided, by your teachers on Google Classrooms, to attend various live sessions with authors and/or illustrators, which we hope you will enjoy and will encourage you to pick up one of their books perhaps.

Finally, we are excited to share 'The Masked Reader' with you all. If you haven't already, please take a look at Twitter for our promo that was posted in half term! During Book Week, teachers will be wearing a mask and reading a short section of a book to you. We'll then be

asking you to guess...who's behind the mask?! During the live registrations we will be revealing who is behind the mask. Your teachers are very excited.

For more information, you might want to see the world book day website where you will also find other activities and competitions.

<https://www.worldbookday.com/>

Support for Parents from Birmingham Children's Services and Birmingham Education Partnership (BEP)

See attached details of support that is available for children and families from Birmingham Children's Services. BEP have also provided three self-help videos to support parents with Self-care, Anxiety and Sleep.

The videos are only a few minutes in length and provide some useful ideas and advice:

Support for Parents: **Self-Care** <https://youtu.be/fwDZ4sYnkSI>

Support for Parents: **Anxiety** <https://youtu.be/q8xQICTI7EA>

Support for Parents: **Sleep** https://youtu.be/YNBtOazN_IM

E- Safety Reminder

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.

Mrs K Welch
Acting Head of School