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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome Back!

It was lovely to see all the children back in school, they were full of smiles and continue to amaze us with their ability to adapt and their amazing resilience.

Staff have been working exceptionally hard to prepare the school for all children returning and to make the environment welcoming, whilst also following all of our Covid procedures . We have spent time with the children sharing their rota's and days with them and had a lovely welcome back virtual assembly. We are delighted to have all children in school and it is lovely to see happy children at school. We continue to prioritise the wellbeing of all children on their return.

### **Staggered start and finish times**

Please ensure you adhere to the timings for the start and end of the day so we can keep each bubble as separate as possible and maintain social distancing as this remains a priority at this time. Once you have dropped off or collected your children, please leave the school site promptly. Thank you for continuing to work with us on this.

**May we also remind parents/carers you are requested to wear a face mask when on the school site, unless you are exempt to do so.**

### **Dolce – School Meals**

As you are aware, we have gone live this week with our new school meals provider, Dolce. We are pleased with the number of parents/guardians who have registered their child for this service.. **For your information, it is possible for parents/guardians to access the ingredients/allergens and nutritional content of any meal option by locating the menu and clicking on the meal option.** By doing this you will be fully informed prior to making your meal choice. We will endeavour to improve provision in this area and we are delighted to be working with Dolce.

### **Red nose Day (Comic Relief): 19 March 2021**

On Friday 19th March we will be supporting Red Nose Day in school. Children may dress up as a superhero. They can wear a costume or their own clothes with a mask or a cape. There are printable masks available on the Comic Relief website:

<https://www.comicrelief.com/rednoseday/schools/freedownloads/>

Donations for Comic Relief can be made via ParentPay – details to follow

### **Parent consultations:**

Parent's consultations are planned to take place at the end of this term, on Tuesday 30 March and Wednesday 31 March 2021 via on line booking system called School Cloud. More information about this will follow in due course, including log in details and instructions on how to access the appointments.

### **Book Vouchers**

These will be handed to your child today.

### **Diary Dates - Reminder**

#### **Spring Term 2021**

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April**- Break up for Easter holidays.

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April**- School re-opens to all pupils.

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May**- Break up for half term holidays.

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May**- Professional Development Day, school closed to all pupils.

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June**- School re-opens to all pupils.

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July**- Break up for summer holidays.

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July**- Professional Development Day, school closed to all pupils.

### **Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust – School Uniform Grant Applications 2021**

The above forms are available from the school office. All completed forms will need to be returned to the school office by Monday 22 March 2021 at the latest. The eligibility criteria and proof of benefit required is listed below:

- A current resident of the former Borough of Sutton Coldfield as set by the 1974 boundary. This includes Sutton Mere Green, Sutton Four Oaks, Sutton Vesey, Sutton Wylde Green, Sutton Trinity, Sutton Roughley, Sutton Reddicap and parts of Sutton Wamley & Minworth and
- In receipt of one or more of the benefits listed: Income Support, Job Seekers Allowance, Employment Support Allowance, Child Tax Credit, Working Tax Credit, Universal Credit.

### **Junior School Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy**

We have a vacancy for a lunchtime supervisor at the junior school. See attached advertisement providing you with full details. If you would like an application pack, please contact the school office by phoning 0121 464 3656 or you will find a pack on the Federation of Boldmere Schools' website.

### **Online Out of School Hours – Music Lessons for existing music children**

A reminder to all those parents/guardians who advised us that they wish their child to receive music lessons from the Music Service (cello, woodwind, brass and violin) online, that they need to contact the music teachers direct via the email addresses provided in the Parentmail sent out to them last week. This is for existing music children.

At present, we are not offering any face to face music lessons in school. This will be reviewed in the summer term. We have a waiting list of names of any children who would like to take up music lessons offered by the Music Service (cello, brass, woodwind, violin) and will make contact, once we have reviewed our options.

Our private music teachers, Mr Henderson (piano) and Mrs Robinson (guitar) will not be providing face to face lessons for the immediate future. We are advised that Mrs Robinson (guitar) is offering online lessons.

### **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](https://youtu.be/YNBtOazN_IM)

### **Letter from Councillor Ian Ward to parents/carers**

Please see on the schools' website, under covid, a letter from Councillor Ian Ward to parents/carers.

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:yr3-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)

[yr4-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:yr4-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)

[yr5-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:yr5-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)

[yr6-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:yr6-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)

### **Registration for Nursery September 2021 Intake Closing Date For Applications is Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March**

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 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.

Further information including a virtual tour is available on the school website.

### Speed Restrictions

Please note that Cofield Road and St. Michaels Road now have speed restrictions in place of 20mph.

### Busy Bodies Newsletter:

**To all our families**, it was lovely seeing the return of Busy Bodies children yesterday. They have all settled in really well in their year group bubbles. Thank you for the prompt return of March booking forms by last Friday. **We are now at full capacity on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday both am & pm. We will set up a waiting list for requested provision and as soon as we are in a position to increase pupil numbers in line with operational and safe working capacity, we will, of course, do so. Payments will be debited no later than Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March. Please ensure you check your parentpay accounts to make payments.**

Parents, please remember as per School's information guidelines on returning to school last week, to ensure you wear face coverings on the school site (unless exempt) when collecting and dropping off your children.

Mrs K Welch  
Acting Head of School