

Newsletter 17.07.2020

Dear Children, Parent and Carers,

Prayer for the End of the School Year

At the end of this school year we give thanks to God:

For all the teaching and learning that has taken place in our school and at home this year,

For the talents and gifts that have been shared and the challenges that have been faced;

For the burdens that have been lifted and the hurts that have been healed;

For the respect and care that has been given.

We give thanks for the friendships that have just begun and for those that have grown.

For the faith that has been lived in our daily struggles and through the Coronavirus pandemic,

For the hope that has lifted our hearts on the dark days

And for the love that has kept us going.

We give thanks for the community that we are, and we ask you Lord –

Bless our children as they continue to be out of school this summer, keep them safe and prepare them for their return to school in September.

Bless our families as we take our holidays, may our time together leave us with memories to cherish.

Pour out your love on us that we may return renewed and refreshed to continue our journey together.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Academic Year 2020-2021

Below is a list of the term dates for next academic year. Please do make a note of these as all children will be expected to return to school in September on the first day of term.

School Term Dates 2020 – 2021

Autumn Term 2020	Spring Term 2021	Summer Term 2021
Tuesday 01st September 2020 To Friday 23rd October 2020	Monday 04th January 2021 To Friday 12th February 2021	Monday 19th April 2021 To Friday 28th May 2021
<u>HALF TERM</u>	<u>HALF TERM</u>	<u>HALF TERM</u>
Monday 02nd November 2020 To Friday 18th December 2020	Monday 22nd February 2021 To Thursday 01st April 2021	Monday 07th June 2021 To Wednesday 21st July 2021
<u>74 DAYS</u>	<u>59 Days</u>	<u>62 Days</u>

Total 195 Days

Teacher Days

Tuesday 01st September 2020
Wednesday 02nd September 2020
To Be Confirmed
To Be Confirmed
To Be Confirmed

Bank Holidays

Monday 03rd May 2021

School will reopen to children in Years 1 to 6 on Thursday 03rd September 2020

School will open to the new Reception children on Monday 07th September 2020

Start and end times of the day will be staggered to fit in with the Government and DfE guidelines:

Reception – Start time 09.10am and end at 11.45am (from Monday 07th September to Friday 11th September)
Year 1 – Start time 08.55am End time 3.05pm
Year 2 – Start time 08.45am End time 3.10pm

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will come into school and exit the school through the morning entrance gate.

Year 3 – Start time 08.55am End time 3.10pm
Year 4 – Start time 08.55am End time 3.10pm
Year 5 – Start time 08.45am End time 3.15pm
Year 6 – Start time 08.45am End time 3.15pm

Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 will come into school and exit school through the end of day gate for KS2.

At the end of the school day, one parent per household, will be allowed to come onto the KS1 playground and wait in a socially distanced line for their child/ren to be sent over to them. Then parents will need to follow the arrows to the school gate. Staff will be outside and directing parents of where to go.

Please can I remind parents that when leaving the school premises, you need to stay socially distanced from other families, so we can maintain the 'Class Teams' in school.

Thank you for your understanding.

Travelling aboard during the Summer Holidays

Some families maybe travelling aboard over the summer holidays and if you are, we wish you a safe and enjoyable holiday. Please can I remind you though, **that there are certain countries that if you travel to them or stop over in, you will need to self-isolate for 14-days after returning home from. If you are returning home from one of these countries after the Wednesday 19th August 2020 you will need to inform school as you child/ren will be unable to return to school until the 14-days isolation period has expired. Below is a link to the countries you can travel to and upon your return to England DO NOT have to self-isolate from:**

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-countries-and-territories-exempt-from-advice-against-all-but-essential-international-travel>

Travelling by public transport

For anyone using public transport to get to or from school – please read the Government advice at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-safer-travel-guidance-for-passengers>

The advice from the government is to **try to avoid using public transport if you can** and to walk, scoot or cycle if possible.

Letter from Birmingham City Council to Parents

With this newsletter today there is also a letter from the Leader of the Council, Councillor Ian Ward, and Cabinet Members Councillor Jayne Francis and Councillor Kate Booth regarding the return to school in September, please do take time to read it.

School Uniform and School Equipment

School uniform will be expected to be worn from the beginning of the Autumn term and please ensure **all items of uniform and any other belongings** (coats, school bags, PE bags, lunch boxes, water bottles, shoes) **have you child's name in them** as we need to ensure clothing and other belongings are not mixed up when changing for PE or at home time. Please provide a water bottle for your child daily.

Please ensure that any extreme hair styles have grown out or coloured hair has been washed out before the children return to school in September as our 'School Uniform' Policy does not allow these or the wearing of jewellery, except stud earrings and a small watch.

School uniform can be purchased from:

Gogna Schoolwear

67/69 Rookery Road,
Handsworth,
Birmingham.
B21 9QU.
0121-523-5572
www.gognaschoolwear.co.uk

Breakfast Club and After School Clubs

Breakfast Club and After School Clubs will **recommence during week beginning 14th September 2020**. This is so we can ensure all children are familiar with the new routines around school and understand the importance of the protective measures being put in place across the school. **Parents will be able to book into the wrap-around provision during week beginning 07th September. Please can I ask parents to try and limit the number of different wrap-around provisions they use as we need to try and maintain the 'Class Teams' as much as possible. For the first half term, after school clubs will be for Key Stage 2 children only (Year 3 upwards) and will be Class Teams will be maintained.**

School meals

The **School's kitchen will be fully open from the start of September and will be serving hot food again. Free School Meals (FSM) will be provided as normal and the voucher scheme will stop.** Children will remain in their 'Class Teams' at lunchtimes and will eat their lunch either in the school's

dining area or in the school's hall. Infection control measures will be enforced during lunchtime and children will be asked not to share food and utensils at this time.

Sickness

From 03rd September, parents will be required to send their children to school again. If your child is sick please inform the school in the usual way, with a phone call first thing in the morning. If your child is **displaying symptoms of COVID-19, a continuous cough, feels hot to touch (high temperature), has a change or loss of smell or taste, please inform school immediately.** You will be asked to apply to get your **child tested as soon as possible.** If your child tests positive they will be required to stay at home for 7 days or until they feel better once the 7 days is up from when they first displayed symptoms. If it comes back negative, your child will be able to return to school once they feel well enough to do so. You will also need to **inform school straightaway if the test is positive or negative so we can take the necessary steps at school.** If a child does test positive, the 'Class Team' they are in (which includes the class teachers) will be sent home and asked to self-isolate for 14 days. The reason for this is so we protect the other 'Class Teams' in school and try to ensure the virus does not spread further. Please be assured that, at all times, your child's health and safety is of the utmost importance to us.

If your child is displaying cold and flu symptoms, please keep your child at home for 48 hours to ensure this is what illness they have. Please do inform the school straightaway if this is what you are doing.

Class teachers for September

Below is which teachers and teaching assistants will be teaching which class next academic year. Please do share this information with your child/ren so they are prepared for when they return to school in September.

Reception - Mrs Caffrey and Mrs Smith
Year 1 – Mrs Shipman and Miss Dalziel
Year 2 – Mr Tooth, Miss Bonham and Miss Painting
Year 3 – Mrs West, Miss Mullen and Mrs Peplow
Year 4 – Miss Young and Mrs Dalziel
Year 5 – Mr Tobias and Miss Crane
Year 6 – Mr Caffrey and Mrs Koumi

Home Learning Packs:

Summer home learning packs for all year groups have been added to the website this week. Please do ensure you check the 'Home learning' page on our website for these.

Invite to complete Birmingham Public Health questionnaire from Birmingham City Council

The Birmingham Public Health Division is inviting Birmingham people, organisations and communities to complete their COVID-19 impact questionnaire.

The survey seeks to:

- Further understand specific issues around COVID-19 faced by various different communities.
- Help develop appropriate messages to tackle the spread of COVID-19 and provide the most appropriate wellbeing advice.
- Help inform COVID-19 recovery.

The deadline for completion of the [survey](#) is **31 July**.

Bereavement Helpline available in Birmingham and Solihull

To help support those who feel isolated and are suffering as a result of a loss, a new [bereavement helpline](#) is now available to people in Birmingham and Solihull, five days a week. Click on the link to be taken to the website.

Support available

During the Summer Holidays, if you have any worries or concerns or you need some help, then support is available from:

Free@last
49 Nechells Park Road
Nechells,
Birmingham.
B7 5PR.

TEL: 0121 327 5959

They are open from 10am-12.00pm and offer lots of support and advice as well as working as a local food bank.

and

Call Nechells POD team on 07305 862 545 - Rachel Perks
28 Oliver street,
Nechells,
Birmingham.
B7 4NX.

They are offering a sign posting service and are a good contact for the local housing team if you are having any issues.

Guidance for Parents on Keeping child safe from abuse online

The DfE has issued guidance for parents on keeping children safe from abuse and harm. Below is the link and the notice sent to schools.

The DfE have jointly published new guidance with the Home Office, the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, and Public Health England on keeping children safe from abuse and harm. This guidance brings together sources of information about the main risks children may be vulnerable to during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and signposts you to help and support available.

The guidance can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-keeping-children-safe-from-abuse-and-harm>

Mental Health and Well-being

Lockdown has been a particularly stressful time for many families, and we all need to be looking after ourselves during this time.

To support children's mental health and well-being across Birmingham, a new service has been set up called Kooth. **Kooth** is being provided now as a free, safe and anonymous service to support young people's emotional and mental health in Birmingham. Because young people have suddenly had exams cancelled, transition arrangements thrown up in the air and are dealing with the impact

of COVID-19 on their loved ones this is important. The new service was successfully launched on Monday 13th April for young people from year 6, aged 11 up to 25. The full offer, including online self-referral can be accessed at [.www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com)

Kooth is linked into the wider mental health support from Forward Thinking Birmingham and offers:

- Online **mental health counselling** and **chat** services from midday to 10pm during the week, and 6pm to 10pm at weekends
- **Peer to peer support** through moderated discussion forums
- **Self-care tools and resources** to build resilience
- **Early response to and identification** of emotional wellbeing and mental health problems
- And there are **no waiting lists**, referrals or thresholds to access the service

Mental health support offer

A range of new, easily accessible mental health support is now available for patients in Birmingham and Solihull, based around four groups:

- 0-18 year olds in Birmingham
- 0-19 year olds in Solihull
- Over 18s in Birmingham and Solihull
- Key workers.

These services are provided by a range of local organisations, and offer emotional help, guidance and reassurance to people in Birmingham and Solihull who may be finding the current Coronavirus situation overwhelming. The web link will take you to the website and give you more information.

<https://www.birminghamandsolihullccg.nhs.uk/your-health/mental-health-support-offer>

Below is a link for transitioning your child back into school, which maybe helpful for all children to see:

<https://accesstoeducation.birmingham.gov.uk/transition-support-for-families-of-children-young-people-with-autism/>

Online resources:

Please do keep using the online resources made available from BBC Bitesize and the [Oak National academy](#) as they have online lessons for each year group up to Y10.

Both of these services feature online lessons which are updated on a weekly basis.

In both cases, there are weekly plans of lessons that children can access. These resources are available for you to use with your children, but please do check the resources beforehand to make sure you are happy with the content of them.

Staying Safe Online:

We know that children will be online more as we all stay in our homes. It is really important that we ensure our children are safe online too. Here are some resources which are particularly helpful.

Please check out the parental control section which gives advice to help parents put parental controls on any devices their children are using at home.

Keeping up to date with the latest apps

NSPCC's Net Aware provides simple guides for parents to the most popular social networks, app and games. Simply type in the app you wish to review in the search bar and the website will provide you with some useful information to help parents make an informed decision.

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

