



12th March 2021

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have all really enjoyed having nearly every child back in school this week. It has been lovely to see them settled in class, laughing and playing with their friends. It's great to have the school full of life. We're grateful for how parents have continued to follow the one-way system around the school grounds. Please continue to distance from each other as you leave the site and **please do not arrive before 8:40** because this can increase the amount of close contact between different families.

Parents' Evenings

As you will be aware, we have moved parents' evenings back to week beginning Monday 29th March. We are sorry but you should not expect a 'normal' parents' evening. Meetings will, once again, have to be done remotely and we will be using Microsoft Teams. I am afraid that Miss Raithby will not be able to hold her parents' evening meetings due to her currently shielding until the end of the month and not being able to be with her class. Similarly, I am afraid it will not be possible to hold a parents' meeting for 1C due to Miss Clarke's on-going illness. We intend to hold a similar event for both classes in the summer term and apologise for not being able to run these meetings at the same time as the rest of the school.

Teachers will send out a MS Forms survey on Monday 15th so that parents can request a time slot and then a confirmation email will be sent after 23rd March, with the link for the meeting. Parents and carers will need to be punctual for their meetings, waiting in the 'lobby' to be invited in and then meetings will only be able to last 10 minutes. As you will appreciate, it is not fair to keep the next set of parents waiting. If parents are late for their appointment, they will have a shorter meeting because the teacher will still need to be on time for their next appointment.

The purpose of the meeting will be slightly different from our normal March meetings and will focus on the following points.

- Discuss how your child has settled back into school
- To share information about work that children succeeded with or found difficult over lockdown
- To talk about the way forward during the summer term

Unfortunately, we will not be able to

- Look at children's books
- Discuss assessment data

Year Group Emails

During the partial school closure, those families engaging in remote learning were able to contact their child's teacher by using the year group email address. Now all children are back in school, staff are not able to check numerous email addresses, so communication will need to be sent to the office@bramcotehills.notts.sch.uk address and messages will be forwarded on to the right member of staff when necessary. The Foundation direct email will operate until the Easter holidays.

Lateral Flow Testing

Parents and carers will have seen our email at the end of last week informing you that adults in families of school children are allowed to request free lateral flow tests that can be completed twice weekly. If these tests are completed at home and produce a positive reading, you should isolate and access a PCR test to confirm the result. Staff are engaging in twice-weekly tests which we hope will help to reduce the risk of asymptomatic people inadvertently spreading the virus. Tests can be requested from <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff> and you can view an easy read set of instructions for the tests on the Coronavirus section of our website by clicking [here](#).

NF2

Oscar Ward is one of our pupils and we are proud to share news of his bravery and the commitment of his elder brother, and former pupil, Dylan. Oscar suffers from NF2 which is a serious and rare condition. It is characterised by the growth of multiple tumours which can lead to deafness, blindness and facial paralysis. Dylan will be taking part in a sponsored walk on 17th and 18th April to raise money for research into NF2. Please follow this link to find out more about Oscar and Dylan and how you can contribute if you wish.

<https://www.nottinghampost.com/news/local-news/bramcote-boy-wants-help-find-5080064?fbclid=IwAR3ao5iBgNWqsbVxjL-gYkrplivsFTXMVRqdgeoA-1Wc7ViVZ-IZzUTkEms>

We will be discussing this with the children in school and will also be helping to raise funds in the future.

Domestic Abuse - Broxtowe Women's Project

We are keen to pass on the message below from the Broxtowe Women's Project with regard to domestic abuse. Domestic abuse is a problem which is prevalent in the local area and is also a form of child abuse, given the impact that it can have on children.

Broxtowe Women's Project supports female survivors of current and historic domestic abuse who live or work within Broxtowe Borough. This service is free of charge, we aim to respond to your call the same day and would like to offer our support. The referral process is quick and easy - you can self-refer, or with their agreement refer a colleague or friend.

We provide the following services

- Phone / zoom outreach sessions with a dedicated outreach worker who will listen and provide individualised support based on need.*
- Safety planning - assessing risk and putting plans in place to improve safety.*
- Advice and support with housing / legal aid / benefits / police issues / Family Court*
- Support following outreach work including befriending / counselling and well-being events.*
- Freedom Programme – 6-week programme to learn more about domestic abuse.*
- Business support to raise awareness for your staff team.*
- Partners Newsletter.*

We understand it can be difficult for anyone to admit to struggling with domestic abuse - making the first call for help can be difficult. We promise to listen, believe, and do all that we can to empower you to have a better life free from the torment of abuse.

Contact us –

Support line 01773 719111

Mobile 07914 634190

Book Covers

Mrs Broadly has requested that any 'Book Covers' that were completed at home for World Book Day are sent into school as soon as possible. Thank you.

Red Nose Day

Don't forget that 19th March is Red Nose Day and that we are encouraging the children to 'dress in a mess' for the day. We would also love to brighten the lockdown mood with some jokes and so we are asking the children to bring a joke to school (in their heads or written down) so we can have some fun. We will be trying to find a way of communicating these to parents and carers too. Donating is entirely optional and can be done by following this [link](#).

Yours faithfully,



Pete Taylor
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