



18th September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

At the end of a busy week, I have a number of pieces of information for you.

Drop off and Pick Up Arrangements

Now the term is underway and all families are familiar with the one way system around school, we would like to experiment with a slightly different system for children arriving at school in the mornings. It concerns us that we still have such a large group of people congregating at the gate in the morning and that people are arriving too early.

We therefore propose that children in years 1 to 6 can arrive any time between 8:35 and 8:55 in an arrival 'window'. One adult only can accompany the children in years 1 to 4 and children in years 5 & 6 should enter the grounds by themselves. The same routes into school should be used and children will need to enter the classes by themselves as teachers will not be able to wait outside. **Parents must not come to the classroom doors** but follow the systems that have already been put in place. At the start of the drop off window the staff will be in classrooms and will be preparing for the day. We hope that this gives parents a little more flexibility in the morning and reduces the amount of waiting at the school gate. Parents must not linger on the premises but leave as soon as their children have been dropped off.

Parents and children must not arrive before 8:35.

Children in Foundation will still start school at 9.05 and **parents and children in Foundation must not arrive before 9.00am.**

We will trial this drop off window and then review whether it is working and people are safe. Parents must take the initiative with social distancing on the way to and from school.

The arrangements for picking children up have not been changed except that we will be displaying signs when classes have been called. A red sign will indicate a class has not been called and a green sign will indicate that it is time for that class to be collected. **Parents should not arrive more than 5 minutes early** because this creates large groups of people waiting at the same time.

Children will continue to leave at these times.

Foundation 2:50pm

Yr 6, Yr 4, Yr 3 3.00pm

Yr 1, Yr 2 3:10pm

Children displaying symptoms of Covid-19

We have had lots of parents asking this week about the symptoms of Covid-19. Firstly, we must say that if any household member displays symptoms of Covid-19, everyone in that household should self-isolate **immediately** until the symptomatic person receives a negative test result. **Do not wait for a positive test result before you self-isolate members of your household; that is too late.**

I hope that, combined with the flow chart that I attach with this letter, the following advice will assist you in making your decision.

Guide for parents of what to do if your child is ill

- If your child has a temperature of 37.8 or above they should stay at home. A temperature can indicate many different illnesses. Work through this symptom checker to see if they need a test: <https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19/>
- If no other symptoms develop, your child's temperature has returned to normal and they are well, they can return to school.
- If your child has a minor cold without a cough, they can come to school if they are well enough.
- If your child has a cough or a sore throat and a cold, work through this symptom checker: <https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19/>
- If the symptom checker does not recommend a test, and your child is well enough, they can come to school.
- If your child has a persistent or continuous cough, which will not stop, arrange a test straight away.
- If your child has a stomach upset, keep them at home for 48hrs from the last time they are sick or have diarrhoea. If they develop a temperature, cough or lose their sense of smell and/or taste, arrange a test.

Although continuous cough, fever and loss of smell (anosmia) are usually highlighted as the three key symptoms of COVID-19, [research](#) shows that children in particular can experience a wide range of different symptoms in addition to these. To reduce the risk further and for BHPS to remain open, we are asking that parents and teachers keep an eye out for symptoms such as fatigue and a headache, particularly if these are unusual for the child. If your child develops any of these symptoms, I would recommend to keep your child at home until they are well enough to return to school.

How do I get a test?

Should you or a member of your household display coronavirus symptoms, you can book a test by calling 119 or using [this link](#).

Mrs Higgins

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Higgins is expecting a baby and we pass on our congratulations to her and her husband. She intends to work with her class until the Christmas break and I will be providing more details regarding the arrangements for the class later in the term.

Individual Photographs

We are hoping to go ahead with individual photographs on Tuesday 13th October. However, due to the fact that we cannot have whole year groups using the same room, we plan to take the photographs outside and the children will be standing up. This arrangement is obviously weather permitting but we will do our best to ensure it takes place. We are afraid that it won't be possible to facilitate photographs with siblings this year. Please contact us if you do not want your child to have their photograph taken.

Bramcote College Information for Years 5 and 6

I attach with this letter a flyer providing information from Bramcote College about forthcoming events that will take the place of their normal 'open evenings'. There are virtual tours in the pipeline and Zoom meetings arranged. I suggest that all parents of children in years 5 and 6 see this flyer.

Midday Supervisors Needed

We currently have some potential vacancies for Midday Supervisor positions in school. If you are interested in working in school for approximately 1 ½ hours each day, please give us a call at the main school office.

Guitar Lessons

The government have issued strict guidance about singing and music lessons in school during the current pandemic. Although we cannot start up any other music tuition, we can facilitate safe teaching with guitars. The office will be contacting those families involved and these lessons will be starting on Friday 25th September.

Parents' Evenings

During some of our year group Zoom meetings this week, some parents were asking about parents' evening. Although we are still making the final arrangements for how we will manage this, I can confirm that it is our intention to hold some form of individual parent feedback sessions, whether this is remotely or in person. Watch this space.

Lost Property

It is absolutely essential that all items of children's clothing are named. We are not able to allow children or parents to go through our lost property box so any items that do not have names in will be disposed of or donated to charity after quarantining.

Yours faithfully,



Pete Taylor
Head Teacher