



# Newsletter

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### Welcome Back!

It is so lovely to have all the children back in after 4 months of partial opening and holiday. As I write this, I can hear the buzz of children chatting as they work and it feels like some normality has returned. Of course, it isn't completely back to normal and we have had to put various measures in place to adhere to government guidance and for the protection of staff and pupils. The drop off and collection routines are complex and we thank you for your patience as we tweak and refine them to make entry and exit as safe and smooth as possible. Having assessed the flow of parents and children, we are making a couple of minor changes as detailed below (Plan C!)

Please bear with us.

Inside school the routines and systems are working really well and, as always, the children are adapting to these brilliantly.

We have two new teachers this year – Miss. Stevens in Dahl class and Miss, Ward in Butterworth. Miss. Bradley has been coming into school to visit her class and undertake socially distanced responsibilities but we hope that she will be back in full capacity from half term.

Mrs. Brazier is getting to grips with the new additions to her family – Elsie and Emily  
Elsie is on the left and Emily is on the right!



Mrs. Brazier will return later in the academic year.

# Sickness

In the past, we have encouraged parents/carers to send children in if they are not too ill and just a bit under the weather. Obviously, given the current circumstances, we need to operate with a little more caution whilst still using a common sense approach.

We have received the following guidance from the DfE:

It is vital that only if children or staff develop [symptoms of coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#) – a high temperature, a new, continuous cough, or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – do educational settings ask them to self-isolate and recommend they get a test. The NHS Test and Trace system is fully up and running, but capacity must be protected for those with symptoms of the virus.

Alongside this there is a letter to clarify when isolation and testing should take place and when it may not be necessary. The letter states:

The Department for Education has worked closely with Public Health England (PHE) and NHS Test and Trace to ensure that we are doing all we can to minimise the potential risks of spread. A key part of this is the appropriate use of testing to help identify people who are positive and subsequently their contacts. We have made testing available throughout the country and anyone with symptoms can book a test online or over the telephone through 119 to get the certainty they need to protect themselves and those around them.

Crucial to our overall support for schools and colleges is ensuring that everyone with coronavirus symptoms has access to a test as soon as they develop those symptoms. It is vital that we learn from the recent Scottish experience, where the return of schools saw a huge increase in demand for tests from people without coronavirus symptoms. We want to avoid a similar surge in test demand as England's schools and colleges return to ensure that we continue to prioritise our testing capacity for those with symptoms and to avoid children, students and their families self-isolating unnecessarily.

To ensure we identify those with coronavirus while avoiding a huge increase in demand for tests from people without coronavirus symptoms, we ask that you recommend to your pupils, students and staff who feel unwell, that they get tested if:

- they develop one or more of the main coronavirus symptoms:
  - a high temperature
  - a new, continuous cough
  - the loss or change of their sense of taste or smell, or
- they are recommended to get tested by a healthcare provider (e.g. GP or nurse)

If a pupil, student or staff member develops one or more of the main coronavirus symptoms described above, only they should be tested. There is no need for their households to have a test, unless they are also symptomatic. Unless a pupil, student or staff member has one of the three main coronavirus symptoms, they should only be tested if instructed otherwise by the local authority, health protection team or their GP. As schools and colleges across England return, pupils and students may feel unwell for example with a sore throat, stomach upset or a headache. These pupils and students don't need to book a test but may need to stay off school or college and seek medical advice through their GP or pharmacist as usual.

It is very important that your child does not come to school if they present with one or more of the three key symptoms. We appreciate that some children have asthma which can cause a dry cough. If it is not a new dry cough and is eased by the child's inhaler it is likely that they can come into school – we expect parents to use their knowledge and understanding of their child and a decision based on this. If in doubt, please do not send your child in and seek advice from your GP or through NHS 119.

## **Drop Off and Collection – Plan C !**

### **Reception and Nursery**

We will have a member of staff on the main car park gate and the barrier will remain up. (No cars permitted) Please enter via this gate and walk down the side path. Please then come down the path and exit via the same gate. Please use this gate again to collect and after you have collected your child. There should be little movement of vehicles entering or exiting and the occasional car will be managed by the member of staff there. Hungry Caterpillars should enter and exit at the same gate but come to the front of the building by Hungry Caterpillars gate to wait.

### **KS1/Lower Key Stage 2**

No change to the current system. However, if you have a child in Years 3 or 4, you can use the 'holding' zones to wait at the beginning and the end of the day rather than having to exit school and return back in.

#### **'Holding' Zones:**

Wilson – in front of the classroom

Blyton – in front of the classroom

Dahl – Ball Sports Area 2

Morpurgo – Ball Sports Area 1

**Please remember to socially distance whilst waiting in these zones**

**We have asked Year 3 and 4 Parents to wait outside the school grounds wherever possible. However, this can cause a crowd, so if you would rather use the one way system in the playground to collect this is acceptable. If you are waiting outside of school please let the class teacher know and be aware that the pupils will leave via the red gate at the far end of the school nearest the playground entrance.**

## Upper Key Stage 2

**Year 6** – no change. Please do not arrive too early but children can wait on the grassed area at the front of school as long as they remain with pupils in just the Year 6 bubble. As staff are in this area – there is no need for parents to wait.

Year 6 pupils will leave at the red gate near the car park – please organise where they will be met and avoid close proximity to the school if at all possible.

**Year 5** – entry to school – no change – arrive along the path in the one way system and enter via the outside classroom door.

**At the end of the day** – Year 5 pupils will be escorted by the class teacher through the school and will exit via the main office door. We will ensure that there is no cross over with the Year 6 bubble but the pupils will leave via the red gate nearest the car park. Please organise where they will be met (taking into account the gate that they will be leaving by) and avoid close proximity to the school if at all possible.

We have reminded all children who are leaving school independently that if they cannot find the adult they are meeting or have any problem to return back to school and we will help them.

### Messages and Contacting Teachers

If you need to send a non urgent message or are requesting a call from a teacher please use the following email address;

[reception@bewdleyprimary.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:reception@bewdleyprimary.worcs.sch.uk)

[KS1@bewdleyprimary.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:KS1@bewdleyprimary.worcs.sch.uk)

[LKS2@bewdleyprimary.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:LKS2@bewdleyprimary.worcs.sch.uk)

[UKS2@bewdleyprimary.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:UKS2@bewdleyprimary.worcs.sch.uk)



### Forest School



Forest School will be starting week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> September, a letter with further details will be sent home soon.



## School Lunches

Due to the restrictions we have had to put in place we can only provide a packed lunch.

Packed lunches must be ordered in advance via Parent Pay.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to supply a lunch if it is forgotten or not ordered, should this be the case we will contact you and ask that arrangements be made to drop a meal into the school office.

Should the guidelines change and we are able to provide a hot meal we will let you know.



## **Labelling Uniform**

Please remember to label all your child's clothes. Staff will always do their best to ensure clothing goes home and named items always help make it easier.