



It might sound strange, but we've had a great second week of term, with children settling into their new class routines, making new friends and generally getting back into the swing of things. Our Year 6 children have had an incredible week pushing themselves and making memories on their residential in Caernarfon. However, that probably won't be what this week is remembered for, for most of us!

The decision to close today was not taken lightly but it was absolutely the right thing to do, as the double whammy of sickness and diarrhoea and confirmed Covid cases spread so quickly throughout the school, with siblings being very generous with their germs! If we'd only been dealing with the one outbreak or the other, we wouldn't have needed to take such drastic action. Following a thorough investigation and risk assessment analysis, it has been confirmed that the school did everything it could to prevent the spread and all national guidance has been adhered to.

By giving the school and the children a 72-hour circuit breaker, the suspected norovirus outbreak will have slowed significantly by Monday – aided by the deep clean that the school is currently undergoing.

Just to be on the safe side, we're ramping up our control measures in school for the next week to make sure that we're as safe as possible.

As a result of this, the following changes will be implemented between Monday 20th September and Friday 24th September:

- All before and after-school provision has been cancelled. This includes RASCALS, after-school clubs and Booster groups. In most incidents, the 10-week sessions will continue to run for 1 week longer than originally stated.
- Bubbles will be temporarily reinstated in school. In most cases, these will be year group bubbles similar to the Summer Term.
- Increased hand washing and use of hand hygiene gel in classrooms
- Repeated reminders to children in the importance of hand washing after using the toilet
- Please only enter the playground if absolutely necessary (1 parent or carer per child) and arrange, where possible with older children, to meet parents off school premises.
- Both Parents' Information Evenings have been postponed
- Peripatetic music lessons have been cancelled
- Years 3 and 4 will not be going swimming

The situation will be reviewed on a daily basis.

We urge parents to please be vigilant next week if your child is showing symptoms of norovirus or Covid. If your child has been off school due to vomiting or diarrhoea, they can only return to school 48 hours after their last bout of sickness. If your child has one of the 3 main symptoms of Covid (a high temperature, a new, continuous cough or a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste), we recommend that they have a PCR test before returning to school.

Thank you again to our school community for pulling together at these unprecedented times and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible back in school on Monday, safe and well.



Flu Vaccinations – Reception – Year 6 **October 19th 2021**

Children in Reception to Year 6 should have received a letter with details about the Flu Vaccinations which take place on 19th October. Please ensure the consent form is completed and returned to the school office even if you do not consent.



Swimming

Swimming for Years 3 and 4 is cancelled next week and should resume week commencing 27th September.

Swimming is an expensive but very important part of the school curriculum. The cost of transport, hire of the pool and swimming instructors is considerable and we ask parents for a £15 donation towards these costs. This is payable via Parent Pay.



After School Autumn Term Clubs

Due to the current situation within school , After School clubs have been postponed next week and should resume week commencing 27th September.



Have your Contact details changed?

It is really important that the school office have up to date contact details, telephone numbers, addresses, emergency contacts and medical information.

If your details have changed and need updating please follow the link

<https://www.bewdleyprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Change+of+Contact+Details&pid=30>

completing and return the form to the school office.

Current Job Vacancy

Bewdley Primary School

Administrative Assistant / Receptionist for our school nursery

The role

Administrative Assistant / Receptionist

Permanent, term-time only including TED days

20 hours - Monday to Friday – Grade 2 (Possibility of more hours at busy times)

We are looking to appoint an organised, enthusiastic, calm and friendly person to provide administrative support with reception duties for our nursery. **This is a position for an experienced, proactive and committed office administrator who can work on their own initiative to develop the role.**

If you have experience of working in office administration and receptionist work, then this may be the role for you. The duties of the role are detailed in the Job Description but will also include general school office tasks.

Closing date: Friday 1st October

Interviews: week commencing 4th October

Start date: 1st November or earlier

Full details including the job description, person specification and an application form are on our school website in vacancies

<https://www.bewdleyprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Vacancies&pid=24&action=saved>

Completed applications can be emailed to scourt@bewdleyprimary.worcs.sch.uk

School Applications

If your child is due to start school in Reception during the school year 2022/23, the closing date for applications is 15th January 2022.

If your child is due to move to secondary school in September 2022, the closing date for applications is 31st October 2021.

To apply visit [www.worcestershie.gov.uk/school admissions](http://www.worcestershie.gov.uk/school%20admissions)