

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September**

Dear Parents and carers

### **Welcome back...**

It really was so exciting to have welcomed all of our children back to school today. The children came in so excited to see their friends and teachers and to learn all about their new classrooms and the learning they will be doing over the coming few weeks.

The teachers have been very busy making sure the children's classrooms are both bright and stimulating for their return, but still adhering to the COVID risk assessments that we have in place.

Please remember that all of the information that we have emailed to you over the past week, is now available on our website, including our risk assessments.

### **COVID-19 Update**

The following information comes from the Department for Education.

*Please read this information carefully so we can help prevent a huge increase in demand for tests from people without coronavirus symptoms.*

It is imperative that if any parent, carer or child develops 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 you are recommended to get tested by a healthcare provider (e.g. GP or nurse) you must get tested for coronavirus.

If a parent, carer or child 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.

As we return back to school, children may feel unwell for example with a sore throat, stomach upset or a headache. You do not need to book a test but may need to stay off and seek medical advice through their GP or pharmacist as usual.

### **Wrap around care**

Little Gremlins, our breakfast and after school provision will be re-opening on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September. Please be reminded that the gate for entering in the morning and collecting children at the end of the day is on Longhurst road. If your child is not attending because they have symptoms of COVID, **you need to ring Little Gremlins on 07577038727 in the morning and the school office immediately**. Children are being kept in year group bubbles with a regular member of staff supervising them. Please ring the same number for any enquiries for a place for your child.

### Reading in school and at home

We really want the children to be able to continue to access their class libraries. Each class teacher will communicate with you when your child will be able to return their reading material and take more home, each week. This is so that any books that are returned can be placed in quarantine for 72 hours, before being returned to the class library.



On your child's classroom page, we will now post information about your child's home learning. This will be something for them to think about over the weekend, or something for them to find out about or make/do. On the 'Itslearning' page there will also be any other information you may need. Each week, your child's home learning will be posted on this page. Please note, it will not be sheets of learning that need to be, but questions and areas of learning to think about – ready for the next week. This will be available from the end of next week.

**You will receive log-in details for its learning over the next few weeks if you do not have them. Please keep them somewhere safe**

**PE** - This week your child/ren will be informed when their PE slot/s will be for the week. It is very important that the children come in to school wearing their PE kits, which includes the correct footwear.

- Shorts or tracksuit bottoms/ leggings
- T-shirt
- Jumper or Zip-up top
- Trainers or plimsolls

### Pencil cases

Although we have made up individual stationary packs for each child (from year 2 onwards), I am happy for you to send your child to school with a small pencil case, should you wish. This is not compulsory.

You should include; a pencil, pencil sharpener, rubber, no more than 10 colouring pencils and a ruler (and a glue stick if you wish). Your child will not require any felt tip pens, crayons or pens for writing.

Once your child has brought a pencil case in to school, it will stay in school and not be returned home until **half term in October.**

Please remember that staff will not be meeting parents/ carers before or after school. If you need to speak to your child's class teacher then please email them on [info@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:info@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk).

Best wishes

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