

Friday 11th September

Dear Parents, carers, governors, staff and friends

Welcome back from Rachel Waite...

The end of the first week for our children has come and what a delight it has been to welcome you all back. All three schools have been filled with listening, talking, laughter and many smiling faces. It has been fantastic to see. I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone for the support you have shown. To the staff for guiding the children in their new ways of working and making the classroom feel safe and secure. To the parents and carers for following our new procedures and being patient whilst we have been getting our plans to work the best they can and, of course, to our children for their positive approach to everything that is asked of them. Thank you.

We now ask you, even more than ever, to continue to follow the new procedures we have in place. We appreciate you may have to walk a little further or wait a little longer but we want everyone to be as safe as can be. Please respect the social distancing rules, follow any one way systems in place and drop off/pick up at the allocated time. We are trying our hardest to make it work and we really appreciate your ongoing support.

We are still in very uncertain times but having your support is the best way you can help us. If you have any questions, thoughts and concerns, please do email info@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk

Have a lovely weekend, Rachel Waite

Welcome back from Miss Porter...

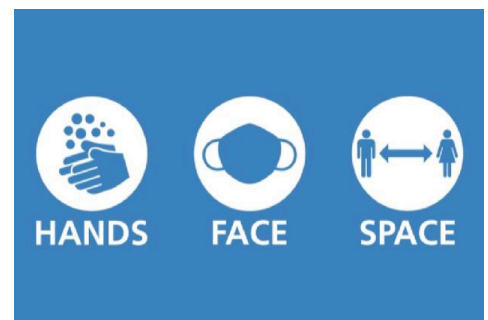
We have had a great first week back at Brindishe Manor. The teachers and support staff have really enjoyed getting to know the children in their new class. We have spent the week learning more about the children, settling them in with back-to-school routines and forming new ones. It has been lovely to see so many children thrilled to be back seeing their friends and making new relationships with the adults.

We have been especially excited to meet our new Reception children and their families and welcome them to the Brindishe Manor community. Next week we have our youngest children beginning their Nursery journey with us too!

Although so many of the children have settled well, we know for some this may take a little longer. If you have any concerns about your child settling back in to school, then please do let us know. You can use our recovery@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk email address. A member of the senior leadership team will be able to get back to you or pass on your concerns to the appropriate adult.

PLEASE NOTE:

- *From Monday 14th September, we encourage all adults who are dropping off and collecting children from school to wear a face mask/covering.
- *We also remind all adults to adhere to social distancing when waiting outside school and when on school premises.
- *Please exit the school premises quickly.



COVID-19 Update

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.

Please ensure you notify the school if your child is off by phoning in to the school office before 9am.

All members of your household must stay at home until your test result has come back. Siblings will not be allowed into school if any member of the household is showing COVID-19 symptoms and awaiting results of a test.

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

We welcome Little Gremlins, our breakfast and after school provision back from Monday 14th 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.

Secondary School transfer

As you know, this is your child's last year in primary school and therefore it is time for you to think about which secondary school you would like them to go to in September 2021.

The closing date for applications is 31st October 2020 and it is very important that you apply for a secondary school before this date (we suggest you apply by Friday 23rd October). Applications are made online and the website is already active. Please visit www.lewisham.gov.uk (Education, Schools, Secondary Schools, Applying to Start Secondary Schools) to apply and for more information on the process. It is important that you find out about as many schools as you can and we encourage you to list 6 schools in order of preference.

Year 6 children will come home today with a booklet which includes lots of the information you will need and Miss Hockham will be sending you an email with more details.

Water Bottles

Please ensure you send your child in with their own, labelled water bottle. The weather will be warmer next week and we are not able to use the water fountains.



After school clubs and music lessons

We will not be running after school clubs or individual music lessons at the present time. We will continue to review these extracurricular activities and introduce them back in to school when we are able to safely do so.

PE - On the day your child has PE, they should come to school wearing their PE kit. Currently all PE lessons will take place outside. A suitable PE kit will include:

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



Home learning

Home learning and messages from class teachers, including PE days, will be posted on Itslearning over the next couple of weeks. We are still waiting for Itslearning to update, but it should be ready to use next week.

We will re-send log in details too.

Notes from the office:

School Dinners

All parents/carers in Year 3 upwards who choose for their child to have a school dinner must ensure payment is made through the Arbor online portal.

Pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 continue to receive school meals for free, funded by the government's universal free school meals grant. Parents/carers of pupils **from Year 3 upwards** will need to pay for their child's meal unless you qualify for the free school meals grant. To apply for the grant, please visit <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals> as soon as possible or contact the school office for further information.

School jumpers

The school office do have Brindishe Manor jumpers in stock in the following sizes;

Size 24	age 3 to 4
Size 26	age 5 to 6
Size 28	age 7 to 8
Size 30	age 9 to 10
Size 32	age 11 to 12

Should you wish to purchase one, please call the office on **0208 852 0852** and let them know your child's class and the size you would like to purchase. You will then send your child to school with **£8 in an envelope** please and your child will be sent home with their new school jumper.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 14th September – Wrap around care begins by Little Gremlins

Thursday 17th September – First full day for Reception children – 3pm collection

Monday 21st September – First day for Nursery children



Please see the table below with your child's teacher's email address, should you need to contact them. Please remember that staff are teaching throughout the day and will not respond over a weekend. It may take a few days to get back to you, so please be patient. If it is an urgent email please use the info@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk email instead.

Emily Da Silva	Nursery - Jade	edasilva@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk
Amy Snaith	Reception – Emerald	asnaith@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk
Charisse Phillips	Reception – Turquoise	cedmund@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk
Laura Sparkes & Louise Marks	Year 1 – Onyx	lsarkes@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk lmarks@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk
Ciara Cullen	Year 1 – Jasper	ccullen@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk
Jenny Guest	Assistant Headteacher for Early Years and Y1	jguest@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk
Katie Clapton & Helen Groothues	Year 2 – Ruby	kclapton@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk hgroothues@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk
Kamila Rahman	Year 2 – Amethyst	krahman@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk
Helen Coupe	Year 3 – Coral	hcoupe@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk
Andrea Ellis	Year 3 – Sapphire	aellis@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk
Ciarra Willard	Year 3 – Pearl	cwillard@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk
Jammy Ahmed	Year 4 – Topaz	jahmed@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk
Lucy Balcombe & Rebecca Sanders	Year 4 – Amber	lbalcombe@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk rsanders@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk
Charlotte Dougan	Assistant Headteacher for Years 2, 3 and 4	cdougan@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk
Kasia Kozysa	Year 5 – Quartz	kkozysa@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk
Chris Sinclair	Year 5 – Jet	csinclair@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk
Eleanor Benton	Year 6 – Opal	ebenton@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk
Lauren Blackie	Year 6 – Diamond	lblackie@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk
Julie Hockham	Assistant Headteacher for Years 5 and 6	jhockham@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk
Jessica Dee	Special Educational Needs Leader	jdee@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk

Best wishes

Kate Porter
Headteacher
Brindishe Manor