



Brindishe Manor Newsletter  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2021  
Headteacher: Kate Porter



Dear families, governors, staff and friends,

This week we have welcomed 'Teachsport' in to school to work with classes across on improving their skills whilst playing invasion games. They will be with us for the next 6 Fridays to provide these workshops with the children and I know that the classes that attended today have had a wonderful time.

In our assemblies this week we started our learning and having discussions about **neurodiversity**. The children have been exploring the way our brains are all very different and how this makes each and every one of us who we are. Over the coming weeks the children will develop their understanding of neurodiversity and may be coming home to tell you all about what they have found out!



### **Relationships and Sex Education (RSE)**

As some of you may already be aware, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE), along with Health Education, is now a statutory part of the National Curriculum. This change was due to begin as of September 2020 but due to the COVID-19 pandemic, schools have been given longer to bring this into their curriculums.

Schools are required to consult with parents when developing and reviewing their policies for Relationships and Sex Education (RSE), which will inform our schools' decisions on when and how certain content is covered. We would really appreciate it if parents could read through the policy and share your thoughts with us through an online survey which is on our school website. This survey is a first step in our engagement on Relationships Education with you as parents and carers. Your comments will help us understand your views and take these into consideration as we update our curriculum to meet the new requirements. The deadline for completing this survey is **18<sup>th</sup> June 2021**.

#### **Policy Link:**

<https://www.brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=701&type=pdf>

**Survey link:** <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/PZPHFD6>

### **National Survey for Children – The Big Ask**

A few weeks ago the new Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, launched



**The Big Ask** – a consultation with children aged 4 to 17. It aims to find out what children's concerns and aspirations about the future are, so that children can be at the heart of the country's recovery from the coronavirus outbreak. We will be supporting our children to complete it over the course of next week. Parents are also invited to complete the adult survey to share views about the future for children and young people today, and what you think is holding young people back. The

results from this survey will help the Children's Commissioner identify the barriers preventing children from reaching their potential, put forward solutions and set ambitious goals for the country to achieve. If you would like to take part, please go to

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/>

## COVID UPDATES

Restrictions are lifting, but specific guidance remains in place. Please take time to read the following information to ensure we keep ourselves, our school and our community as safe as we can....

### HANDS, FACE, SPACE

This message is still a key part of our life.

**HANDS:** We will, once again, be reminding the children of following good hand hygiene, by washing their hands regularly. Please encourage your children at home to do the same.

**FACE:** We are still encouraging face coverings as you enter the school grounds and our staff are wearing them as they move around the building.

**SPACE:** Our staff are still keeping 2m distances around the building and we are reminding children about the importance of this when inside the school building.

### Current rulings in place

- You can now meet up in larger groups outside, up to a limit of 30 people
- You can now meet indoors as a group of up to six people or as two households
- Indoor hospitality is open
- Hotels and all holiday overnight accommodation is open
- You can also go on holiday or travel abroad to certain places

### Travelling

If you or a member of any of your household are travelling out of the UK to either a **RED, AMBER or GREEN** country, **you must inform the school** ( [info@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:info@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk)) so we can ensure that you and your family are clear about the procedures and restrictions that may need to be followed. We will ask you to let us know the following information:

- Where you or your household member are going
- The return date to the UK
- Who is in your household.

### COVID Symptoms

If you, your child or a member of your household becomes ill with Covid-19 symptoms or receives a positive test result for COVID-19, please email [info@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:info@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk) immediately providing the person/child's name, class, date and type and date of test. Your whole household must self-isolate for 10 days. **Please let the school know straight away of your child's test results.**

### Key Dates

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May** – Jet and Quartz Class swimming all week

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May** – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June – Half term holiday (no school)

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June** – Inset day for staff, no school for children

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June** – All children return

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June – 11<sup>th</sup> June** Science competition week, entries to be brought in on Tuesday

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July** – Reports home to families

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July** – End of summer term and academic year

## Global Goals



Year 1, 5 and 6 have continued to learn about the 17 Global Goals for Sustainable Development linked with our work as a Rights Respecting School.

**This week's tip: recycle paper, glass, plastic and aluminium to keep landfills from growing.**



We have had a few children bringing in Pop its to school and they are creating distractions to learning. Please keep and enjoy these at home.

Have a lovely weekend,

Kate Porter and the Brindishe Manor team