

Friday 25th September 2020

Dear Parents, Carers and friends

A message from Rachel Waite

Leadership Update

I am writing to update you about one of our Brindishe Heads. Since the start of term, Gerlinde Achenbach, Headteacher of Brindishe Green has been unable to return school due to personal circumstances. As Executive Head of the federation, I have taken the lead of Brindishe Green, working closely with both Kate Porter, Maxine Sebire and the senior leaders to ensure our Federation of schools provides the best for our children, families and staff in the safest way possible during these challenging times. On behalf of the Brindishe Federation, we wish Gerlinde all the very best during this time.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for reading all the recent guidance we have been sending out and ask you to continue to do so during this time. The guidance is constantly changing, and due to the nature of what we are experiencing, we all need to work together to follow the ever-changing rules. We want to do all we can to keep our children, families and community as safe as we can and therefore, I would like to reinforce the following:

- Wear a mask around school when collecting your child
- Ensure you socially distance when waiting outside school or on school grounds
- Follow the guidance - if you or anyone in your family shows signs of COVID
- Follow the 'rule of 6'

It's not easy, but we must all work together. Have a lovely weekend, Rachel Waite

ItsLearning

Every family will have received their child's class newsletter last week. This newsletter provided you with some information about the recovery learning taking place for each class over the next few weeks, how your child's class have settled back into school life and details about when your child has PE and what kind of home learning they may be asked to complete.

We have also provided you with information regarding *ItsLearning* in the event of a child waiting for a COVID test, a child who is isolating or in the event of a class bubble, local or national lockdown. A guide to what your child will access and when they will do so has been attached at the end of this newsletter and also sent home for you.

Children have left school with an exercise book that can be used if a bubble were at home in isolation or if a local or national lockdown were introduced. Inside the book you will find the passwords that they need to access this learning.

From today, all home-learning will be provided using our online platform, *ItsLearning*. Most of you will have log-in details already for the platform, but we have sent these home again as a reminder. A link can be found on our **website**, under the '**Children**' tab, on the left hand side. It can also be accessed here:

<https://brindisheschools.itslearning.com>

Once on the homepage for Itslearning, you will need to type in your child's log-in details via the **Atomwide USO button**, which is in the middle of the page. These log-in details have been sent home today and can be located on the inside cover of the exercise book. Home learning will start from Friday 25th September and may consist of a reading response (which they will have in books) and/or something else to think about, which can be found on your child's itslearning page under Resources.

Parent Meetings

Usually early in the Autumn Term, we would meet all parents/carers informally for a 'Meet the Teacher' event. We will be in touch over the next few weeks to outline how we will update you on your child's wellbeing and learning.

Messages from the office...

NHS Flu Vaccination

You may be aware that the NHS is currently aiming to give **all** Reception to year 7 children the Flu vaccination from October to December 2020. The date allocated for Brindishe Manor Primary School is the **20th October 2020**. We will give you more information on this nearer the time.

School Dinners Reminder

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 dinner payments

There are a number of families who are not up-to-date with their school dinner payments. Please can you speak with the school office about making payment.



PLEASE NOTE:

- 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** and do not wait outside of school for other parents and carers.

COVID-19 update

Please read the letter attached to this newsletter from NHS England .

Have a great weekend everyone!

Best wishes

Kate Porter and the Brindishe Manor team

How will the school set work for children who are at home due to Covid-19 procedures?



For any queries about learning at home, please contact your child's teacher directly via email. Any login problems or for technical support, please contact Mr Michael Payne at info@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk