



# Brindishe Lee Newsletter

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Headteacher: Ms Maxine Sebire

Brindishe  
Lee

Dear Parents/carers,

## Message from Ms 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 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 every 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 the school site
- Ensure you socially distance when waiting outside school grounds
- Follow the guidance if you or anyone in your family shows signs of COVID
- Follow the 'rule of 6'

It is not easy, but we must all work together.

Have a lovely weekend,

Rachel Waite.

## Message from Ms Sebire

Over these past few weeks, all the staff at Brindishe Lee have been enjoying taking the time to connect with your children, discovering how they are feeling and exploring what they have retained from their previous year's curriculum. As always, we are guided by your children and what their needs are.

As you are aware, at present, the school are focusing on the Recovery Curriculum which aims to reconnect our children with school and their friends, encourages them to feel part of the their class bubble and school community, provides them with space to grow back into their learning and school life, as well as meet their academic, creative and physical learning needs.

If you have any concerns about your child settling back in to school, then please do let us know. You can use our [recovery@brindishelee.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:recovery@brindishelee.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.

## Message to the pupils

Thank you children for another successful week of learning at Brindishe Lee. I have enjoyed discussing International Peace Day with you all. Other weekly highlights include, talking with you about how to solve maths problems as well as discussing strategies to unpick a challenging text. It was lovely to observe some of you carefully selecting the best material to design and make a Worry Doll. Keep up the good work everyone!

### COVID-19 Reminder

*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.

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.

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.**

Please ensure you notify the school if your child will be absent by phoning in to the school office before 9am.



### Medication

It is vital that we have the right medication in school for your child. Please can you ensure you keep the school up-to-date with your child's medication as well as any changes to their care plan. If we have contacted you regarding out of date or due to expire asthma pumps, please do send the most recent medication in as soon as possible.

### Harvest Collection

Every year we collect food supplies for the *Church of The Good Shepherd with St Peter, Lee*. These food donations are sent to the 'Helping Hands' Foodbank. Fortunately, we are still able to collect during these times. Each Brindishe School has been asked to collect only one item of food this year. Brindishe Lee have been asked to collect *rice*. We will be in touch with further information on how you can contribute.

### Wrap Around Care

Wrap around care at Brindishe Lee started on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September. The children have enjoyed a range of activities in the sunshine. There are still places available. For more information contact Harry at [Harry@sportacus.co.uk](mailto:Harry@sportacus.co.uk) or ring on 07828 218690. Harry will be able to answer questions you may have.

### Online Safety Bulletins

Each week, Ms Lea will provide you with a weekly Online Safety Bulletin to support you in keeping your child/children safe when online.

TikTok became hugely popular during lockdown with its users, including celebrities and influencers, creating and sharing 60 second videos.

**But it is important to remember, this app has an official age rating of 13.**

Net-aware.org explain it is high risk for exposing children to inappropriate content.

To find out more click here: <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/tiktok/>

### 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.

### ItsLearning

Every family will have received their child's first class newsletter. 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 our whole school and federation 'Take One Community' project.

As of this Friday, all home-learning will be provided using our online platform, *ItsLearning*. Exact details will be sent to you shortly. We will also be providing 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. Next week, logins will be re-issued and each child will be provided with an exercise book to complete tasks at home.

This Friday, Ms Sebire and Miss Matthews will provide all children in Brindishe Lee with a challenge task on *ItsLearning* and from **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020**, each class will receive home-learning from their own class teacher.

### Parent Meetings

Usually early in the Autumn Term, we would meet all parents/carers informally for a 'Meet the Teacher' event. Unfortunately, this will not be able to take place this year. As a federation, we will be in touch with you about how this process will work this term. Thank you for your support.

### PE Times

Children will remain in their class bubble for PE and have their own allocated PE slot outside.

Please refer to the P.E timetable.

### P.E Timetable

Year 1	Monday
Year 2	Tuesday
Year 3 Sycamore	Thursday
Year 3 Magnolia	Wednesday
Year 4	Friday
Year 5	Wednesday
Year 6	Thursday

### Contacting Teachers

As I am sure you all understand, at this time we are unable to facilitate face-to-face meetings with your class teacher. However, the staff are still available to you and can be contacted if you have any questions or concerns or if you wish to pass on some vital information about your child.

Please email [info@brindishelee.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:info@brindishelee.lewisham.sch.uk) and mark the email 'for the attention of' and your child's class teachers name, e.g. FAO Ms Sharrock. We assure you that these emails are sent directly to the teacher, who will contact you by phone or email as soon as they can.

### Dates for your Diary

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September** Home-learning on Itslearning commences with a challenge from Ms Sebire and Miss Matthews

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October** Home-learning commences for each child from their own class teacher.

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November** Flu Vaccination Years 1-6

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November** Reception hearing and vision test

### Secondary Transfer Information For Years 5 & 6

For parents/carers in Years 5 & 6, you will undoubtedly be thinking about secondary transfer which is always an exciting but stressful time. Normally, we would hold an informal 'Secondary Transfer' meeting for you in school this term. However, this year Ms Waite has produced a media clip for you which you can find in your child's *ItsLearning* class page. All the information you require about secondary admissions is there, along with key dates and links to support you when making secondary choices for your child.

Listed below you will find our 2020 secondary placements.

We will continue to support you with applications as best as we can and inform you of any virtual open days or tours that the local schools may be holding. The deadline for 2021 applications is **Saturday 31st October** but you can start applying now. As always, we advise you not to leave it to the last minute.

Any questions or concerns, please email [katiemattthews@brindishelee.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:katiemattthews@brindishelee.lewisham.sch.uk)

2020 placements for Brindishe Lee children					
Blackheath High School		3	Halley Academy		1
Thomas Tallis		14	Weald of Kent Grammar		1
Etham Hill		6	Coopers		1
Harris Academy Greenwich		1	Chislehurst School for girls		2
Colfes		3	Trinity Secondary		1
Bexley Grammar		2	Trinity Secondary Erith		1
BETHS Grammar		1	Haberdashers Askes Hat cham		2
Dartford Grammar		1	Prendergast Ladywell Fields		1
Bishop Justus CE		1	Sedgehill Secondary		1
St Matthew Academy		5	Leigh Academy Blackheath		1
Newstead Wood School		2	Hayes School		1
Chislehurst & Sidcup Grammar		4	Leigh Academy Dartford		1
St Olaves Grammar		1	Haberdashers Askes Knights		1
James Alley School for Girls		1			

Thank you for your support.

Best wishes,

Maxine Sebire.

Headteacher & the Brindishe Lee Team.