

## Brindishe Green School

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Dear parents and carers, friends and families,  
Welcome back. I hope you all had a good break  
and an enjoyable holiday.

### **School closed for General Election 8<sup>th</sup> June**

The school will be closed to children on Thursday  
8<sup>th</sup> June as the school buildings will be used as a  
polling station on this day. It is a one day closure.  
The school will be open to children again on  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June when children should come to  
school as usual.

We are really sorry for any inconvenience this  
may cause. Please make a note of this date  
change in your diaries.

As a result of this closure and because children  
legally must receive 190 days of schooling each  
year, **children will need to come to school on  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June**. This is a change to the holiday  
dates previously advertised.

If you are not intending to send your child to  
school on 5<sup>th</sup> June, their absence will be marked  
as unauthorised unless you are able to provide  
evidence to prove that they cannot attend. This  
can be flight tickets or booking confirmation of  
any pre-booked holiday for this day.

### **This week at Brindishe Green**

On Wednesday, Cherry class visited the Tate  
Britain. Thank you to all the parents/carers who  
supported the children on their journey.  
Redwood class started intensive swimming  
lessons for the next two weeks.

### **Next week at Brindishe Green**

Duck eggs arrive on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> and will be in  
the nursery entrance. Look out for them!

### **Dates for your diary**

27<sup>th</sup> April - Open Day  
1 May - School closed. Bank Holiday  
23<sup>rd</sup> May - School Photographs  
24<sup>th</sup> May - Collaborative choir at John Ball

Headteacher - Sarah Gorbutt

25<sup>th</sup> May - Hither Green Festival evening at BG

5<sup>th</sup> June - Children return to school

**8<sup>th</sup> June - SCHOOL CLOSED to children for  
the General Election**

15<sup>th</sup> June - David Hockney inspired Art  
Exhibition

20<sup>th</sup> June - New reception parents/carers to BG

14<sup>th</sup> July - End of year reports to parents/carers

21<sup>st</sup> July - End of Term

### **Attendance at Brindishe Green**

Well done to Oak class for having 100%  
attendance this week and to Palm and Chestnut 4.  
Beech, Magnolia and Chestnut 3 all had the best  
punctuality.

### **Bexley selection tests registration**

If your child is in year 5, you may be considering  
entering them for Bexley selection tests for  
secondary school in 2018. If so you will need to  
register your child online. Registration opens on 2  
May. The closing date for registration is 9 July  
2017. Results will be available on 5 October. For  
more information see

[www.bexley.gov.uk/selectiontests](http://www.bexley.gov.uk/selectiontests)

...and finally

### **Good punctuality means more learning!**

Please make every effort to ensure that your  
child is in their class and ready to start their  
learning by 8.55am every day. Too many families  
are rushing in after the gate has shut every  
morning. Punctuality is a life skill and a habit  
which needs to be established at a young age.  
Outstanding schools have outstanding  
punctuality! Please see the attached sheet.

Wishing all families a great weekend

Best wishes

Sarah Gorbutt

Headteacher

### **Considerate parking please everyone**

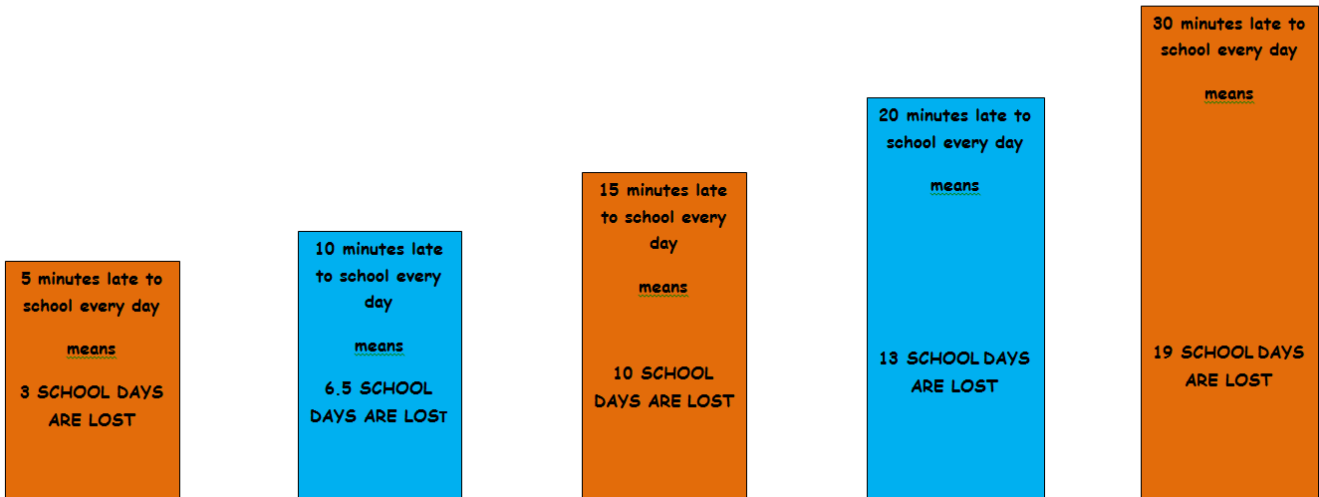
Please try to consider local residents around our  
school and try not to park in resident parking  
bays or to double park your car. Please help us to  
keep your children safe and to be considerate of  
other residents. Many thanks

Executive Head - Vicki Paterson DBE



Good punctuality means being in school on time every day

Lost minutes = lost learning



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