

DATE Friday 2nd September 2021**Message from the Head**

It has been a short but very exciting first 2 days back with the children. Having spent a little time in school in the last few days the school has since Thursday, quite simply, come alive as the children have returned to their learning. I would like to extend my thanks to you all for the warm welcome I have received from parents, children and families in recent days and very much look forward to getting to know you all in the coming term.

As we turn our attention to the coming year, we hope very much that we will be able to remain together in school. As restrictions continue to ease, I would like to take this opportunity just to remind everyone to remain vigilant to the virus and the risk it poses to our community and the children's learning in particular. Please help us to keep the children in school by keeping them at home if they have any symptoms of Covid-19, obtaining a PCR test if they are contacts of a confirmed case and continuing to practise good hygiene in any event.

We wish you all a lovely weekend,
The Brindishe Green Senior Leadership Team

Year Group Newsletter

By the end of next week, you will receive the year group newsletter that will outline for you all of the most important information about the year ahead. This will include the children's learning for the term, PE days and any planned key dates, please do keep a copy to hand throughout the term but remember that all important dates can be seen on Weduc as well.

PE

We are delighted to confirm that PE lessons will return in full this term. You will be advised in next week's year group newsletter what the PE days are with informal lessons starting next week and the full curriculum starting w/b 13th September after you have been notified of days. From 13th September, children should come to school in PE kits or appropriate sports clothing (including appropriate footwear) on their PE days.

Catch up Swimming

Banyan class (Y5) will be receiving their catch-up swimming lessons from 27th September to make up for lost sessions during the pandemic. Please ensure that children come to school with a swimming costume and towel in a separate bag every day from Monday 27th September until Friday 8th October 2021 inclusive. A letter with full details will follow in due course. Usual curriculum swimming for Year 4s will be in the Spring term.

Wonderful Work!

Well done to all the children for returning to school so well this week. Your teachers will be on the lookout in the next few days to see which children have really gone the extra mile and next week's winners will be listed here



Important Dates

Please look on the Weduc Calendar for key dates and information regarding your child's class

Banyan Class Swimming 27th Sept – 8th Oct 2021

Half Term 25th - 29th Oct 2021

Winter Break 20th December – 3rd Jan 2022

Remember children must be in school by 9am every day and be collected at 3.15pm

School Dinners

We have enjoyed a really positive start with Radish, our new catering contractor this week. The food has been delicious and it is lovely to see the children enjoying the new choices. Please can you ensure that you let the office know if your child(ren)'s lunch choices have changed and remember that payments must be made on Arbor. School dinners cost £2.45 each day or £12.25 per week.

Water Bottles

Please ensure that your child brings a water bottle to school each day. Water fountains remain out of use across the school as they pose a particular infection risk when children drink directly from them. Your child will have access to their bottle throughout the day and will be able to fill it up from the tap in the classroom whenever they need to.

Contacting Staff at Brindishe Green

If you wish to contact a member of staff in school or have any queries for the office, please email info@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk

Medication

Please ensure that if your child requires medication in school that you bring it in as soon as possible in a clearly labelled with your child's name and class. We will require a Medication form to be completed so please ensure the person bringing in the medication has parental responsibility to complete this form.

Dress Code

Although uniform is not compulsory please remember that children should wear closed toe shoes, no clothing that exposes bare shoulders and the only jewellery permitted are small stud ear rings.

Nursery Place for September 2021

If your child turned 3 by 31st August this year, they are now eligible to start in the Brindishe Green Nursery please apply as soon as possible to ensure your child will have a space. Nursery places at Brindishe Green are part-time during term time – children are offered either morning or afternoon sessions Monday – Friday. Please email info@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk if you would like more information or to request an application form.

Our Weekly online safety message from Ms Chin.....

The start of the new school year is a great time to check your devices are safe and ready to use for fun and learning together. Take a few minutes to look at the National Online Safety guide's top tips on how to ensure that you are being safe online.

A message from..... Danny Gray, ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant)

Don't forget to sign up to the **Easyfundraising** app. **Easyfundraising** is an easy way to raise funds! It's free to use. All you need to do is download the app onto your phone / tablet / computer, then use the app when you do any online shopping. It has most shops on the app, whether you're buying some clothes, or booking your dog a haircut! It doesn't cost you any extra – if you do your online shopping through the app, you will automatically raise some money for Brindishe Green. Please find the link below. Many thanks in advance for your support.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/brindishegreen/>



A message from the Brindishe Friends Group (BFG)

Welcome! - A big hello from BFG to all the new parents, carers and teachers joining the school. And welcome back to all the returners!! We're a group of teachers, carers and parents who are working with the community to raise funds for the school to spend on equipment and activities for the students...as well as put a smile on the faces of everyone at Brindishe Green!

First meeting - We hope to firm up a date for our first meeting of the academic year very soon. Please let us know if you're interested in attending via the email address below.

Get in touch - Drop us an email: bfgsocials@gmail.com. You can also follow us on Twitter @bfgthiergreen and connect with us via Facebook (search 'Brindishe Friends Group') to find out more about what we have been doing with the school.

Hope to see many of you soon.

COVID UPDATES

Please see below a copy of the decision chart to support you in knowing what to do if your child or another member of your household is exposed to Covid-19 in the coming weeks.

What do I do if.....	What ACTION is needed?	When can I RETURN to school?
My child is ill with symptoms not linked to Covid-19: Sore throat, runny nose, headache, tummy ache, chicken pox, tonsillitis, sickness, diarrhoea	Follow the usual School Absence Policy	When the child is feeling better or 48 hours if the illness is sickness/diarrhoea
My child has one or more of the 3 main Covid-symptoms: <ul style="list-style-type: none">HIGH TEMPERATURE – this means feeling hot to the touch on the chest or backA NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH – this means coughing for more than an hour, or having 3 or more episodes in 24 hoursA LOSS OR CHANGE TO SENSE OF SMELL OR TASTE – this means being unable to taste or smell as usual	DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL Contact school to inform us Obtain a PCR test Self-isolate until results are known Siblings who have no symptoms should continue to attend school	On receipt of a negative test result and when your child is well enough to attend
My child tests positive for Covid-19	DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL Contact the school to inform us, stating the earliest possible date of return Engage fully with NHS Test and Trace Engage with remote learning if your child is well enough to do so	After the applicable isolation period and when your child is well enough to attend Children can return after 10 days even if the cough and loss of taste/smell remains. This can last for weeks
My child tests negative for Covid-19	Contact school to inform us	...same day/next day and when they are well enough to return
Someone in my house is ill with Covid-19 symptoms	Obtain PCR tests for everyone in your household and advise all close contacts of the person with symptoms to do the same If your child(ren) have no symptoms of Covid-19 they should continue to attend school while awaiting the test result. If your child(ren) have symptoms, they must self-isolate for the required period or until a negative PCR test result is received. A person is only required to isolate if they are over the age of 18 years and 6 months and are not double vaccinated. Any person who is double vaccinated or is under the age of 18 years and 6 months are not required to isolate unless they test positive or have 1 or more of the 3 main symptoms of Covid 19.	

Someone in my house tests positive for Covid-19	<p>Obtain PCR tests for everyone in your household and advise all close contacts of the person with symptoms to do the same</p> <p>If your child(ren) have no symptoms of Covid-19 they should continue to attend school while awaiting the test result. If your child(ren) have symptoms, they must self-isolate for the required period or until a negative PCR test result is received.</p> <p>A person is only required to isolate if they are over the age of 18 years and 6 months and are not double vaccinated. Any person who is double vaccinated or is under the age of 18 years and 6 months are not required to isolate unless they test positive or have 1 or more of the 3 main symptoms of Covid 19.</p>	
NHS Test & Trace has identified my child as being in close contact of someone with symptoms confirmed as Covid-19	<p>Obtain a PCR test for your child</p> <p>If your child has no symptoms of Covid-19 they should continue to attend school while awaiting the test result. If your child has symptoms, they must self-isolate for the required period or until a negative PCR test result is received.</p> <p>A person is only required to isolate if they are over the age of 18 years and 6 months and are not double vaccinated. Any person who is double vaccinated or is under the age of 18 years and 6 months are not required to isolate unless they test positive or have 1 or more of the 3 main symptoms of Covid 19.</p>	
Someone other than NHS Test and Trace has informed me that I am a close contact of someone who has tested positive for Covid-19	<p>Obtain a PCR test for your child</p> <p>If your child has no symptoms of Covid-19 they should continue to attend school while awaiting the test result. If your child has symptoms, they must self-isolate for the required period or until a negative PCR test result is received.</p> <p>A person is only required to isolate if they are over the age of 18 years and 6 months and are not double vaccinated. Any person who is double vaccinated or is under the age of 18 years and 6 months are not required to isolate unless they test positive or have 1 or more of the 3 main symptoms of Covid 19.</p>	
We/my child has travelled and needs to self-isolate as a period of quarantine	<p>Do not take unauthorised leave in term-time</p> <p>Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel</p> <p>Return from a destination when quarantine is needed</p> <p>Agree an earliest possible date for return</p>	...the quarantine period has been completed