



Friday 25th September 2020

Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,

Since the start of term, Gerlinde Achenbach has been unable to return school due to personal circumstances, and on behalf of the Brindishe Green community, we wish her all the very best during this time. As Executive Head of the federation, I will continue to take a lead on the headship of Brindishe Green and work alongside Lauren Campbell, Debbie Hughes, Emmeline Buchanan and Gemma Caller, to ensure our school provides the best for our children, families and staff.

Weekly Update

This week at Brindishe Green we continued to welcome more of our Reception and Nursery children to school and have enjoyed getting to know more of our new families. You are all very welcome.

Children from Year 1 to 6 have enjoyed learning about their community and what is special about Hither Green. Some children in Year 4 learnt about street art and sculptures in Lewisham, while Year 6 have been learning about famous people from the local area.

If you have any questions or queries regarding your child and their education, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the senior leadership team at drop off or collection, or email the school office at info@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk and your email will be passed to the appropriate member of staff.

Drop off and Collection – Important Information

As you know, we all need to work together to make sure that the beginning and end of the day runs as safely and smoothly as possible for all the children, families and staff. Therefore can we please ask that all parents and carers:

- **Wear a face covering** on premises, if possible
- Avoid giving your child a snack on the playground, please wait until you leave the premises
- Ensure your child pushes their bike or scooter until they have exited through the gate
- Avoid using your mobile phone to continue, make or receive a call
- Do not gather at the school gate in order to maintain social distancing

From Monday, we ask that you **do not wait in front of the main gate** for your allocated time or to watch your child walk into school. This is to ensure children and their families can enter the school safely and to maintain social distancing. If you are worried about your child walking into school on their own, we must ask you to accompany them through the playground, and then exit via the back entrance.

Return of the Big Book Collection

On Monday and Tuesday, we ran our **Big Book Collection** and were delighted with the response. Thank you to everyone who returned their borrowed Brindishe Green books and who also donated books from home. Many parents/carers have asked if we will be holding another collection so they can donate more books. We will do another collect on **Monday 28th and Tuesday 29th September**, if it is not raining.

Change in Weather

As we are now in autumn and the weather is unpredictable, please can we ask that your child comes to school with a warm, waterproof coat. Please make sure this coat, along with jumpers, hoodies and cardigans are clearly labelled with your child's name (either in marker pen or using a pre-made label).

Collection During Autumn and Winter

At the end of the school day, we will still run the same collection schedule, even if it is raining or very cold, and it is important that your child comes to school prepared. We appreciate that it is not much fun waiting outside if the weather is miserable, but in order to keep everyone as safe as possible from Covid19, we must continue to stagger collection times in the same way. As always, we really appreciate your support and patience with this.

Itslearning – Home Learning Folder

From today, you will be able to access your child's weekly homelearning on our Itslearning platform. Your child will have been shown how they can access this in class.

If you have difficulty logging in, please contact your child's class teacher or email the school office.

Itslearning – Learning during Covid19

On Monday, we will be sharing important information on how the school will provide learning for your child if they are unable to come to school because they or a member of their household is waiting for a Covid test, if they are self-isolating for 14 days or if there is a bubble/local/national lockdown. Please ensure you read the information carefully.

Itslearning – Welcome Video

Over the next week or so, please look out for a video on the **Announcements** page from your child's class teacher. In this video they will tell you more about what has been happening in the classroom, expectations for the year and give you any further information you may need.

Letter from Public Health England

Public Health England have produced a letter for schools to distribute to parents and carers which explains when a person requires a coronavirus test and what the symptoms of coronavirus are. The intention of the letter is to prevent children being taken out of school unnecessarily and answer some of the questions parents and carers may have around testing.

[To access the letter, please click here.](#) The letter is also attached to the newsletter email.

And finally...Mrs Cairns (Year 4 teacher) was due to run the London Marathon in April, to raise money to develop our Brindishe Green outdoor areas. She was very disappointed when it was cancelled and will now run her own 42 km (26.2 miles) London Marathon on **Sunday 4th October**. She will run the last 10km around the Hither Green area, alongside some other members of staff. We will give more information on this next week, but if you would like to sponsor her, please click on https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/petra-cairns?utm_term=4wGjKiRdX

Good luck Mrs Cairns...and thank you for running the Marathon for our school!

We hope you all have a lovely weekend and are able to enjoy a little sunshine on Saturday.

Best wishes,

The Brindishe Green Senior Leadership Team