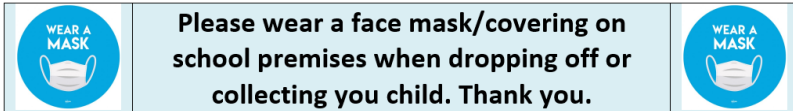


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Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,

### Update on Gerlinde Achenbach

As many of you know, our headteacher, Gerlinde Achenbach, was unable to return to school at the beginning of term for personal reasons. Although she is making a steady recovery, Ms Achenbach has made the difficult decision to resign from her post as of January 2021.

We are saddened by this news and would like to wish her all the very best as she makes a full recovery and begins the next stage of her life, away from London. The staff and governors of Brindishe Green would like to thank Gerlinde for her dedication, support, care and leadership during the 2 years she was headteacher at Brindishe Green. Ms Achenbach made many positive changes to the school and always put the interests of the children, families, staff and community at the forefront of everything she did. We will miss her sense of humour and warm smile.

### A message from Liz Murphy, Chair of Governors

THANKS FROM THE GOVERNING BODY

*'For more than 30 years, Gerlinde was a key member of the Brindishe community, working across all years and at all three schools, making a significant contribution to the breadth, depth and richness of teaching, and inspiring the children to achieve their full potential. Latterly as head of Brindishe Manor and then Brindishe Green, her skills and leadership ensured that both schools remained outstanding.'*

*'On behalf of the governors of the Brindishe Federation, I'd like to thank Gerlinde for all her work, commitment and dedication to the Brindishe community, and wish her well in this next chapter of her life.'*

Our Executive Headteacher, Rachel Waite, and the governing body, will begin the process of advertising and recruiting a new headteacher for Brindishe Green. It is important that we find the right person, with the right skills and knowledge and we will keep you posted when there is good news to share. In the meantime Rachel Waite will remain as Head of Brindishe Green, closely supported by Debbie Hughes, Lauren Campbell, Emmeline Buchanan and Gemma Caller.

### This Week at Brindishe Green

This week at Brindishe Green, the children were all very respectful and quiet as we paused for a minute on Remembrance Day. Many of the teachers commented on how lots of children asked interesting and thought-provoking questions after we all watched a short video called Poppies (<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b04p4zsl/poppies>).

Today we were delighted to see children, families and staff dressed in their brightest clothes to raise money for Children in Need. We are proud to announce that today we raised £605.80 for this wonderful charity, which makes such a huge difference to so many children across the United Kingdom. Thank you to everyone who contributed!



### Weduc

Yesterday parents and carers of children in Years 1-6 received a letter giving information on our Parent Teacher Meetings which will take place week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> November. This year, the meetings will take place using the online platform Weduc. **Today you will have received an email with a letter attached which contains the personalised details you will need to set up your Weduc account.** On Monday 16<sup>th</sup>, the online booking will open. Moving forward, we hope to use Weduc more and more as a way of communicating, sharing information and contacting you. This is in response to the feedback we received during our most recent parent/carer survey. We will send more information to you in the following months. If you already have log in details from another school, Weduc is able to link your information together to create one account.



## Change to the start of the school day

From **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**, we are going to shorten the drop off times at the beginning of the school day. The new timings will be as follows:

8.45 – 8.55 - Family Surname A – G	8.55 – 9.00- Family Surname H – P	9.00 – 9.05 - Family Surname Q – Z
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The schools gates will now **close at 9.05am**, so please ensure your children is in school on time.

The **end of the school day will remain the same as it has been since September** for collection.

### Online Safety Bulletin



#### How to check if an App is appropriate for your child

Now we have entered a second lockdown, many children will be spending more time at home on devices. We know that the internet offers children great ways to play, learn and collaborate, but how can you check if an app is suitable?

**Common Sense Media** are an independent review website, publishing independent ratings and reviews for nearly everything children want to watch, read, play, and learn.

They offer family discussion points, rate the educational value and classify the subject or skills targeted.

These short guides give you all the essential information you need to know to make a decision quickly -- or manage a decision that's already been made.

<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/app-reviews>

### We are a GOLD Rights Respecting School.

This week's article for you to talk about with your family is...

#### Article 1 – (definition of the child)

#### Everyone under the age of 18 has all the rights in the Convention.

2020 has been an extremely difficult year for children in the UK, and around the world. So it feels right that on the 20th November, World Children's Day, we take the opportunity to celebrate children, young people and the adoption of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.



### Primary School Applications for September 2021

Do you or someone who lives close to you have a child who was born between 1st September 2016 and 31 August 2017 and are due to start primary school **September 2021**? If so, the application process for Reception places **has already opened** and we would be delighted if you/they would consider Brindishe Green as one of your top choices.

Applications can be made from **1st September 2020 to 15th January 2021**. It is important that you apply before the deadline or you risk being allocated a school which you may not be happy with.

You should apply online directly to your home Local Authority (i.e. the borough where you live and pay council tax) at: <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk>

[Please click here](#) for a step by step guide to making an online application

For further information, visit the Lewisham Council website....<https://lewisham.gov.uk/myserVICES/education/schools/school-admission/applying-to-start-primary-school>



We wish you all an enjoyable Saturday and Sunday!  
And if you are celebrating Diwali, we hope you have an extra special weekend!



Best wishes,  
The Brindishe Green Senior Leadership Team

### Important Dates

**Teacher/Parents Online Meetings** – Week beg 23<sup>rd</sup> November

**Flu Vaccinations (Rec to Year 6)** – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November

**Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper day** – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December (more information to follow)

**End of term** – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December

## And finally....

### **A message from the Brindishe Friends Group (BFG)**

We're hoping to hold our first meeting since the March lockdown very soon.

We want to represent as many friends of the school as possible (eg parents, carers, teachers etc) so please let us know if you want to be involved.

We're also looking for ideas for future events to help raise money for the school (as well as put a smile on people's faces!).

If you would like to join the meeting, please send us an email at [bfgsocials@gmail.com](mailto:bfgsocials@gmail.com).

You can also keep in touch via our Facebook page (search for 'Brindishe friends Group') or on twitter (@bfgithergreen).

