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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well and are looking forward to the new freedoms coming into place from May 17th.

Covid

Whilst we are delighted that the numbers of Covid cases in Bromley are extremely small, we have been asked to send you the following advice:

If your child or a member of your household tests positive, you must email the school as soon as you are in receipt of a positive test result - you should not wait until the school office is open the next day. If the positive result has come from an LFD test, then you must also book a PCR test. When emailing the school, you need to provide your child's name, class/year group, date symptoms developed, date test taken and then the date of the positive result. As things are now starting to open up, it would be wise to let us know if you have been in contact with any other children outside of school, as they will be required to self-isolate as well.

Attempted Abductions

As you are aware from our email last week, South Area police are currently investigating three reports from the Beckenham and West Wickham area involving the attempted abduction of children. These incidents are being actively investigated by South Area CID.

We are talking with the children this week to remind them about staying safe. We are shifting our focus slightly to reflect the fact that sadly, abuse often involves adults known to children, as opposed to strangers, although we will also, of course, remind the children that they should never go off with a stranger. We are looking to use a new resource called 'Clever Never Goes,' and the following is an excerpt from their parent letter:

The 'Clever Never Goes' programme has been developed to replace the out-dated 'stranger danger' approach. Research shows that teaching children simply to avoid strangers fails to keep them safe. Strangers are often more likely to help a child than to harm them. Conversely, it can often be people known to children that pose the greatest threat.

'Clever Never Goes' moves the focus away from strangers and instead teaches children to recognise when someone (whether they are known to the child or not) is trying to persuade them to go with them. The programme is designed to be fun and positive, whilst at the same time delivering a serious message and giving children practical safety skills and confidence to engage with the outside world.



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In addition to the school's lesson, you too can help your child to understand the Clever Never Goes message. You can download (free of charge) a Clever Never Goes home pack at the website www.clevernevergoes.org/parents. The home pack contains some great ideas for how to approach this topic with your children as well as games and activities. On the website, you can also see a series of cartoon sketches which are a good way of reinforcing the Clever Never Goes message and checking that your child has understood the key Clever Never Goes message. Please do make use of these resources.

Volunteers in school

We are delighted that we are now allowed to have parent volunteers back in school. The work of parent volunteers is extremely valued at Bickley, and makes a big contribution to the children's learning. We are particularly looking for help with the following:

- Supporting in Reception – we would especially welcome help with 1-2-1 reading and help with supervising in the outdoor area. We would love to have a rota where parents sign up for different mornings and afternoons, so that the week is covered. If you would be interested in this, please contact the office and address the email to Miss Hinde.
- 1-2-1 reading across the school – if you are interested in listening to readers and supporting them with different reading strategies, please contact the school office.
- Gardening – we ALWAYS welcome any support with weeding and tidying from parents and grandparents. Again, please contact the school office if there is anything you are able to do to help.
- Maths games and support with learning number facts and times tables – please contact the school office and address the email to Mrs Dakin.

Goodbye Mrs Hiscock

Finally, we are all very sad today to say goodbye to Mrs Hiscock, our School Business Manager. Mrs Hiscock works for 3 days a week to manage the budget, payroll, premises, and many, many other areas. We will all miss her hard work, expertise and sense of humour and wish her all the very best in her new school, which is much closer to home. Enjoy a motorway-free walk to school, Mrs Hiscock!

Thank you to all of you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



E. Blake