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Dear Parents and Carers,

BACK TO SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

I would like to welcome everyone back to the new school year – 2021 / 2022! Thank you so much for all the generous end of term gifts – they really are much appreciated. It has been wonderful to have parents back on the school grounds after school each day. Let's keep everything crossed for a 'normal' school year this year, with no school closures and no home learning!

The children have made a great start to the year. They seem very settled and are working hard to impress their new teachers.

Start times

Please make sure that your child arrives to school on time in the morning.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 come in at **8:45 am** and Yrs 3 – 6 come in at **8:50 am**. If your child is late, they miss the start of the day's learning and can be late for assembly, which causes most children anxiety.

Covid 19

As you know, adults who are double jabbed and children under 18 do not need to isolate if someone in their household tests positive for Covid 19. However, we would recommend that they take a lateral flow test and if that is positive, they should isolate and take a PCR test. We are continuing with regular and frequent hand-washing and are also doing the following to try to minimise the risk of an outbreak as far as is possible:

- All classrooms have doors and windows open during the day. Corridor windows are also left open, to allow for the circulation of fresh air. All classrooms have air con, which they can have on cold if it is hot, or warm if it is cold, meaning that windows can stay open.
- We are not having whole school assemblies just yet, as the hall would be very cramped. Instead, we are having Yr 1 and 2 assemblies, Yr 3 and 4 assemblies and Yr 5 and 6 assemblies. On a Friday, we will have a whole school assembly on the playground, while the weather is warm and dry.
- If we share equipment across classrooms, it is washed / cleaned before a new class uses it.
- All classrooms have a pedal bin for tissues and a hand sanitiser dispenser, as well as liquid soap and a sink.
- Surfaces are wiped clean with an anti-bac spray at least once a day.
- Teachers continue to remind children to wash their hands regularly and frequently, cough and sneeze into their elbow or a tissue and put used tissues into a pedal bin immediately and then wash hands.



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Epipens and Asthma Pumps



If your child has an epipen or an asthma pump, please make sure you have 3 of them – one for home, one to be kept in the school office for use at play and lunch times, and one to be kept in the classroom for use during lesson times. Please make sure that the two kept in school are named.

Dogs, smoking and vaping

(Please note, KS2, the importance of the comma in this

sub-title!)

Please remember that dogs are NOT permitted on the school playground – even if they are being carried. Please leave them at home or ask your child to meet you outside the school grounds after school if you have your dog with you.

Please also note that neither smoking nor vaping are allowed on school premises.



Birthday Sweets

Sorry to be a party pooper, but I have made the decision NOT to allow children to bring in sweets on their birthday. This is for several reasons, including litter, going against what we say about healthy eating, and the fact that some children are vegetarians and / or have allergies.

The school Garden



It is such a shame that we have what could be a beautiful school garden, but that it is usually overgrown and untidy because of a lack of volunteers to help weed and tidy.

PLEASE contact the school office if you, a friend or relative would be able to pop in every now and then to help tidy the garden. We would welcome help any time of day or after school for as long or as short a time as you are able to give us. We would provide the gloves / trowels / forks / kneeling pads, etc.

Alternatively, if you know a local gardener who you could recommend to us, who would be able to come in every 4 weeks or so, PLEASE contact the school office.

Volunteers

We would love to have some more parent volunteers to listen to readers / help out in class, etc. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are particularly hoping that we can have parents in to read with the children and generally help out. Again, however much you are able to offer would be greatly appreciated, whether it be one morning or afternoon a week or more. If you are interested in doing this, please contact the school office. Please be advised that all parent volunteers need an up to date DBS check.

Now that parents are back in school to pick up their children, please don't hesitate to talk to their class teacher at the end of the day if you have any concerns or just want to touch base. Alternatively, you can contact them on homelearning@bickley.bromley.gov.uk

Mrs Moon, the SENDCo, can be contacted via the school office.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Kind regards



Miss Blake
Head Teacher