



BRAMFORD AND SOMERSHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL FEDERATION



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back. I hope the first few days of the new term have been positive for you and your child(ren). It has been wonderful to see all of the children again and we have been impressed by their positive attitudes and how well they have all settled back into school life, especially since for some children, it has been a considerable amount of time since they last attended school.

Now we are a few days in, and have been able to see how some of our new rules and systems are working, we wanted to write to you to remind you of some key information.

Drop-off and Collection

We are very grateful for your efforts and co-operation with the new times for dropping-off and collecting your child(ren).

For everyone's safety, please ensure that you continue to adhere to our rules when dropping off or collecting your child. We have attached them again here for your ease of reference.

If you are collecting more than one child, please ensure that you keep your children with you once collected and do not allow them to run around.

Please help us by following these rules at drop-off and collection times:

- Be as punctual as possible
- Be calm and encouraging
- Only one parent/carer to accompany your child to school
- Maintain social distancing
- Say goodbye and leave as promptly as possible
- Keep younger siblings with you at all times – don't let them run around
- Don't wait to speak to your child's teacher – ring or email if you need to discuss anything

If your child is unwell

We appreciate that the autumn term is usually the one where children succumb to colds and sickness bugs. Unfortunately, the symptoms of Covid-19 are very similar to those of a common cold. We realise that the majority of children will not have Covid-19 but please understand that if your child becomes unwell a member of our office team will call you and ask you to collect them as soon as possible. We would ask that be within a period of 30 minutes.

If your child is feeling unwell before coming to school and has a temperature or any symptoms, they should not come to school. Please do not 'dose them up' and send them in anyway as this could mask symptoms and affect others.

Reporting your child's absence

Please report your child's absence from school in the usual way by telephoning the school office no later than 9.15am.

Additional absence codes have been provided to schools following Covid-19 to enable us to record reasons for absences. Therefore, please provide us with a specific reason for absence so we can complete our registers accurately and without delay e.g.

- having symptoms of and therefore being tested for Covid-19
- self-isolating due to a positive test result
- isolating due to a family member having symptoms
- shielding
- details of any other illness i.e. colds, sickness and diarrhoea.

To minimise the risk of transmission of infection to others, in cases of diarrhoea and/or vomiting, the recommended period for a child to be kept away from school is 48 hours after the diarrhoea and/or vomiting has ceased. It would be appreciated if parents could keep to these guidelines to minimise the risk of transmission to others.

Covid-19 Testing

If it is suspected that your child's symptoms indicate they could have Covid-19 as they have:

- a new and persistent cough
- a high temperature
- a loss or change in their normal sense of smell or taste (anosmia)

they must self-isolate for at least 10 days and arrange to have a test immediately to see if it is Coronavirus. You can arrange a test online at nhs.uk/coronavirus for children over 5 or by calling NHS 111 for children under 5.

Other members of the household including siblings must also self-isolate for 14 days from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms.

You must agree to inform the school as soon as you know the results of your test as there are essential procedures the school must follow once the result is known. Evidence of your test result will need to be provided before your child will be able to return to school.

Your support in this matter will be essential in helping us to maintain the health and well-being of all pupils, staff and families.

Coats and Shoes

The weather can be very changeable during this autumn term. Therefore, please ensure your child has a coat or rain mac with them for being outside at playtimes and lunchtimes along with a change of shoes for the school field.

Returning Resources

If you have any remaining resources at home from last school year such as reading books, maths games, etc then please return them to school with your child as soon as possible.

As always, if you have any questions, worries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Burgess
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