



Bramble's News



6th November 2020

It has been a busy first week back, with lots of rapid changes having to be made. I would like to thank all the children, staff and parents for their understanding and cooperation with the plans we have had to put in place.

As you will be aware, new guidance has been issued as a result of the new national lockdown. Thankfully, it has been decided that schools will remain fully open and operate largely as they have done since September. Thank you to all of you who continue to support the safety measures we have put in place.

Most of the new guidance from the government will not cause us to change our practices. I would however, like to bring to your attention a few changes:

1. Clinically extremely vulnerable (CEV) children, should now stay at home. Most children who were previously identified as CEV no longer need to shield. You should receive a letter from you GP or NHS, if your child does remain in this category. When you receive the notification, please send it to school. This advice does not apply to someone who is living with a CEV person. If you have any queries regarding this advice, please do speak to us.
2. Clinically vulnerable children should all attend school.
3. No extra-curricular activities are permitted. We notified you earlier in the week that clubs would be cancelled, this will be the case for the duration of the lockdown.
4. Wrap-around care can continue. As a result of the bubble closure this week, Brambles has been closed, but we do intend to re-open it when all staff are back in school.

Other stipulations in the guidance:

1. We can continue to request the use of face coverings for adults on site, where social distancing cannot be applied.
2. Journeys should only be made for:
 - Education or childcare
 - Exercise outdoors or a visit to an outdoor, public place
 - Visiting venues that are open
 - Medical reasons
3. People should walk as much as possible, rather than using public transport. Travel in and out of local area should be avoided.

As you know, we have had one confirmed case of COVID-19 in school since September, which has caused a small number of children to be sent home. We remain very vigilant to ensure that we can minimise any spread within the school. With this in mind, we are limiting the number of visitors into school. I would therefore like to ask you to keep in touch with us through Class Dojo and phone calls.

Staff have been working very hard to put together remote learning plans for any children who are having to work from home. Please do your very best to make use of it. It will ensure that your child's education and wellbeing continue to develop well. Time spent out of school is detrimental for children's cognitive and

academic development. This impact can affect both current levels of education, and children's future ability to learn. It continues to be our aim that all pupils, in all year groups, remain in school full-time, or in the event of a bubble closure have access to high quality learning experiences whilst they are at home. Thank you to those parents who are accessing the plans, I know that Miss Harris and Miss Tate are wowed by the work that they have seen so far this week. We do appreciate your support in helping the children to be the best that they can be.

If I have any further updates to share with you, I will keep in touch.

In the meantime, I very much appreciate that this will be a very difficult time for many families and I would like to send you my very good wishes. I hope that we can all stay safe.



Certificates have been awarded to:

Express Yourself

Wonderful art, design technology, music or P.E. work

Oliver – Bluebell Class

Let's Investigate

Fantastic maths or science work

Kelly – Sunflower Class

Wow!

Poppy – Dandelion Class

Being Your Best

Callum – Daisy Class



We celebrated with:



Aaron, Eugen, Lacy and Oscar who are all 5! Jena, Razvan and Vlad, who are now 6! and Aroua who is now 7!

Happy Birthday to you all!



Look at how amazing our school was last week:

174 messages shared



161 stories shared



1,853 skills celebrated

100% positive feedback

What's Coming Up?



National Children's Book Week: w.b. 9.11.20



Children in Need: 13.11.20



We shall be supporting this event by having a Mufti Day (Non-uniform day)

World Nursery Rhyme Week: w.b. 16.11.20



Reminders & Notices...

The value for November:
Honesty

The deadline for school applications is: **5.00 p.m. on 15th January 2021**

We are unable to offer any more open events. If you know anyone who is needing a Pre-School or school place - PLEASE ASK THEM TO TAKE A LOOK AT OUR WEBSITE AND VIEW THE NEW VIDEO THAT WILL INTRODUCE THEM TO OUR SCHOOL - IT IS WORTH A LOOK!

Sponsorship Money - Such a big thank you to those of you who have returned your sponsorship. If you have not returned it yet, please send it into school as soon as possible.



Please remember your face mask on the first day back & only one adult with each child

The reason for face coverings:

Coronavirus spreads by droplets from coughs, sneezes and speaking. The best available scientific evidence is that, when used correctly, wearing a face covering reduces the spread of coronavirus droplets - helping to protect others.

The reason for one adult:

Ensures that we are able to socially distance.

If you have symptoms of COVID-19

Self-isolate **Get a test** **Only leave your home for a test**

Go straight to the test centre, then return straight home. Do not use any other facilities.

If you live with other people and anyone in your household tests positive, everyone has to self-isolate and follow this guidance

The person who tests positive should isolate for 10 days and:



Stay in their room and isolate from the rest of the household



Use their own bathroom if possible, use their own towels and clean thoroughly after each use



Use the kitchen separately, eat in their own room and wash their own cutlery and crockery

Other members of the household should:



Self-isolate at home for 14 days, even if they have a negative test result



Keep separate from the infected person



If you must share spaces, create a rota to minimise transmission, the infected person should always go last