

WORK HARD, BE KIND

<u>Newsletter</u>

Dear parent/carers

<u>Attendance</u>

We would like to say a big well done and thank-you. Our attendance so far has been above the norm for this point in the term.

We know that many of you were very anxious about sending your child back. Our positive attendance indicates you trust we have put all the correct procedures and protocols in place to keep everyone within our community safe.

COVID Compliant

In order for us to remain compliant with our risk assessment and Government guidelines we must again reiterate that when on school grounds you **MUST** maintain social distancing, only one adult to drop-off and collect.

Where possible we would like adults to start wearing masks while on the school grounds.

Finally please do not come onto school grounds until it is within five minutes of your child's pick-up time and leave the grounds as soon as you have collected your child.

Children under the age of 12 are not required to wear a mask in school. We appreciate some of you may wish your child to wear a mask indoors. This is currently not in-line with guidance from The World Health Organisation and we are not asking our children to wear masks in school or during school time.

If your child wishes to wear a mask as they enter and leave the school grounds we will respect that decision

Please be respectful when you are reminded about these protocols. Remember, this is us minimizing the possibility of transmitting an awful virus within our community.

Uniform and PE kits

On PE days please ensure your child is wearing **correct** PE kit. This is white top and black/grey shorts or joggers.

In order to avoid minimize the loss or misplacement of uniform could we please ask that you ensure all of your child's clothes have their name it.

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School Bags

A polite reminder that **a small bag** containing their reading book, home-school diary and homework book is all that should be coming into school. Some of our children's bags are far too big. Our corridors have to remain clear so everything **MUST** fit on their coat peg. We cannot allow anything to rest on the floor.

Lunchboxes

A little reminder that it is our duty to encourage healthy eating and a healthy lifestyle. We therefore request that sweets and larger chocolate bars are not put into children's lunch-boxes.

Behaviour Expectations

As we mentioned last week at Birklands we have three behavioural rules that we feel encompasses our high expectations. They are:

Be Ready Be Respectful Be Safe

Our children are gradually adjusting to the expectations these rules encompass.

We are however noticing that some children are struggling as they are currently unable to have access to the usual lunchtime equipment. We are currently reviewing the guidelines for this.

Until we feel we can do it safely Miss Cox is very kindly engaging our dancers. She has set up a private Tik Tok account so that the children can practice their dance moves during their lunchbreak. This private account means no one can find or follow our account. We are keeping our children safe.

Please remember if your child comes home and tells you about an incident that you feel school may not be aware of please let us know so that we can deal with it within school, rather than using social media. We would be grateful if concerns were not voiced in the school playground and are shared directly with us rather than other parents.

School Photography

A little reminder that photograph orders must be either in school or done on-line by the 5th October please<u>.</u>

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Flu Vaccination

There is still time for you to register your child for the flu vaccine. This will take place in school on the 1st December and no needles are involved. If haven't yet registered please follow the link below:

Our school code is NG140659

https://www.nottinghamshireimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu

Remember:



If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask them.

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