

Newsletter:

Dear parent/carers

Firstly, I would like to say thank you for supporting and working with us, with our new protocols and procedures. Over this last week the school feel that this has really improved. However, as always there is always room for refinement and improvement so once again please remember that at the end of the school day:

- If you are happy for your child to walk home on their own (Y4, Y5 & Y6 only) please complete the permission slip for this
- If you can meet your child slightly away from the school grounds then please do this. We would ask that you complete the walking home permission slip for this too.
- Only **one adult** should collect your child/children
- When on the school grounds please maintain social distancing
- If you bring younger siblings onto the school grounds they must stand with you at all time
- Once your child/children are with you please leave the school grounds
- If you wish to speak to your child's class teacher, arrange when to have a phone conversation. Please do not stand on the playground, having an in-depth conversation with them
- Please be patient as staff get to know who you are. They have lots of new faces to recognise

The dismissal times are:

- 2.50pm for EYFS (
- 2.55pm for Lower Key Stage 2 (Y3 & Y4)
- 3.00pm for Key Stage One (Y1 & Y2)
- 3.05pm for Upper Key Stage Two (Y5 & Y6)

Most importantly 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

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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The school are aware that many of you have ordered uniform items. Our supplier is receiving a huge demand from all of its schools. Once our stock arrives we will get your order to you. So please bear with us until then.

Personal Belongings

A polite reminder that personal belongings brought into school should be kept to a minimum. Children should only bring their own water bottle, a small bag containing their reading book, home-school diary and homework book and a lunchbox (if they are packed lunch)

Attendance

Attendance at school is now compulsory. Therefore Birklands will be implementing their attendance policy.

Non-attendance is being monitored.

If your child is ill please contact school to notify us. If your child is absent and you have not notified us school will call you. So please answer the phone when we give you a call.

Breakfast Club and After-school wrap around care club

A little reminder that our breakfast and wrap-around care after-school clubs are available to all working parents. Places for these need to be booked in advance. Payments for these should be done via your child's SQUID account or bank transfer by the end of the week. Failure to do so will result in your child's place being withdrawn. Invoices can be raised on a monthly basis if this is agreed with the school office.

Magic Bagels

This week we launched our bagel breakfast for all pupils as they enter the classroom. These seem to be going down a treat. We hope that all of our pupils will understand the importance of a health start to the school day.

Main School Office

Our main office opening hours are 8.00am until 3.30pm. If you call the school out of hours you can leave a message and someone will call you back.

Current guidance stipulates that schools should minimize the number of parents that enter school.

To support us with this if for some reason you need to speak to our office staff we will only be allowing one adult into the main reception area at a time. We will be adhering to a one in, one out system. No parent/carers should be coming into the main reception area before 8.50am.

Remember:



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

Mrs Smith
Head of School