

Bredhurst Church Of England Primary School



Parents As Partners

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Church of England Vision for Education

Deeply Christian, Serving the Common Good.

John 10:10 "I came that you might have life, life in all its fullness".

Bredhurst Church of England Primary Vision:

To learn and grow through the guidance and love of God.

Self Control

Perseverance

Inclusion

Respect

Inspiration

Trust



Dear Parents and Carers,

This newsletter is simply to inform you of the procedures for the return to school on Thursday 2nd September.

- Breakfast club will be in operation as normal
- The school day will begin at 8.55, with the school gates opening at 8.30 when parents may wait on the front playground with their child. Please do not leave your child on the playground without an adult as staff will not be supervising until 8.45
- From 8.45 - 8.55 the children will be sent into their classrooms. The one way system will no longer be in place and parents will be able to enter and exit via the front gates (both of which will be opened)
- The children will enter their classrooms through the back exit to their classrooms. Children in Fir Tree class (especially our new year R children) will be dropped off at their classroom door
- Pick up for all children will revert back to 3.30
- The gates on the front playground will open at 3.20, where you may come onto the playground to wait for your child
- Children in Fir Tree and Forge classes will continue to be collected by their classroom doors—any parents wishing to drop off at classroom doors may continue to do so
- Parents will be able to exit and enter via the main gate at the front of the school and use the side path to the Fir Tree and Forge classrooms

As you will be aware, from the 16th August, much of the previous national Covid restrictions have been withdrawn and there is an expectation that schools will largely return to normal in September. This means:

- schools will no longer conduct 'Test and Trace' as they have previously done. The expectation is that the NHS will deal directly with any student testing positive and directly contact those impacted. It is worth noting that the rules now say that students under 18 years old no longer need to isolate if close contacts have covid
- a removal of 'bubbles'
- Children will now be able to mix across year groups in social times, this will mean all children will be able to use the hall to eat
- A return to whole school collective worship

However, we are also aware that it remains in all of our interests to try and reduce the opportunities for the virus to spread. We will therefore continue to,

- encourage students to regularly sanitise and hand wash
- ventilate indoor spaces as much as possible
- Stay outside as much as possible at break and lunchtime unless the weather is really poor—all children will need to have a waterproof coat with them

- Limit the use of corridors and cloakrooms, we are going to ask that children do not bring in large rucksacks—they will only need small drawstring type bags or book bags, if any bag. We will not have anywhere to store large rucksack type bags
- Children will continue to come into school in their PE kits on their PE day—we will notify you of their PE days on Friday

Finally, our swimming pool boiler has finally decided to give up, which mean there will be no swimming when the children return in September. We managed to patch the boiler up enough to keep it working up to the Summer break. Unfortunately we are not at the point where the swimming pool needs a major over haul. The boiler needs to be replaced—we are currently obtaining quotes for this. The pool liner is leaking, therefore a new liner is needed. We also need a new heavy duty waterproof cover. Our intention is to focus our fundraising around this for this academic year in order to get the pool up and running again for April.

Should you have any questions regarding the return to school please do not hesitate to email me on: headteacher@bredhurst.kent.sch.uk

We are all looking forward to welcoming the children back to school on Thursday,

Best wishes,

Michelle Cox