



Brindishe Lee Newsletter

Friday 22nd October 2021

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Dear families, governors, staff and friends,

As we come to the end of our first half term this year, we would like to say well done to all of the children at Brindishe Lee for the wonderful learning going on as well as the progress being made across the school. All of the staff are so proud of the children and want to say a huge well done!

Please remember everyone that next week is our half-term holiday. The holiday starts from Monday 25th October to Friday 29th October. There is an INSET day on Monday 1st November, so we will see all children back at school on Tuesday 2nd November.

We hope you have a lovely half-term break. Stay safe and well everyone.

Kind regards,

Ms Sebire and the Brindishe Lee Team.

Half Term Holiday Camp

Sportacus will run their ever popular holiday camp again this half term. From **Monday 25th to Friday 29th October**, they will be providing an action packed programme of sports and games at Brindishe Lee School. Please call Harry on **07828 218690** or email Harry@sportacus.co.uk for further information.

WEAR RED DAY – Show Racism the Red Card – Friday 22nd October 2021

Each year at Brindishe Lee we wear red in support of showing racism the red card, which is a charity aimed at educating children and adults about racism. Today, children and staff took part by wearing red as well as raising awareness and funds towards showing racism the red card. Please refer to *Itslearning* where you will find a selection of images and information from the day. If you wish to donate, please click on the link <https://www.theredcard.org/>



Online Safety Bulletin – Useful Website

Parent Zone Local is delivered by Parent Zone National, an organisation at the heart of digital family life, in partnership with Lewisham, Southwark, Croydon and Lambeth councils. Parent Zone Local is a free support service for parents. It offers high quality advice, activities, information and tools to help families thrive in their digital world. Please click on the link for more information [Parent Zone Local \(pzlocal.org.uk\)](http://pzlocal.org.uk)

Applying for Secondary School 2022 - FINAL REMINDER

All applications for Secondary Schools must be made through Lewisham Council Admissions. The deadline for applications is the **31st October**. All Lewisham Secondary Schools are now advertising their open days/ online sessions, so please have a look at each school for their dates and times. If you need any support when completing your application, please contact the school office via info@brindishelee.lewisham.sch.uk and the office team will signpost you to a member of SLT.

Aspirations Programme at Brindishe Lee

We will launch our *Aspirations Programme* for the whole school on **Thursday 11th November** with a special assembly, followed by fortnightly aspirational talks for Key Stage 2 and termly for Key Stage 1.

On the launch day, we would like children to dress up as their future self, e.g. a vet, nurse, teacher or even a TV presenter.



Brindishe Lee is now cashless – REMINDER

Thank you to all the parents and carers who have already made their £20 contribution towards trips and visits for the year. If you are still not sure what this is about, read on....

We sent a letter out a few weeks ago with lots of information regarding our cashless system for our school office. Included in the information we sent details about our £20 annual contribution towards all of your child's trips and visits (excluding residential visits) which you can now pay via Arbor.

Throughout the year children may visit a museum, exhibition, local park, environmental centre, have a workshop in school by a dance company or visit somewhere by coach. We will deduct the cost of the trip/s from the £20 contribution. If you need any support with making your payment online, then please call or email the school office, who will be happy to help.

Little Amal has arrived in London!

This weekend there are a number of events that you may be interested in attending with your child/ren related to the arrival of Little Amal.

Please see the link below for more details

<https://www.walkwithamal.org/events/>



Important Dates

- **Half Term Break** - Monday 25th October to Friday 29th October
- **Deadline for Secondary School Applications** – Sunday 31st October
- **Aspirations Programme - Launch Day** - Thursday 11th November
- **Year 6 Hazard House (Junior Citizen Scheme)** – Friday 12th November
- **Winter Break** - Monday 20th December – Monday 3rd Jan 2022

**More dates to follow after the half-term break.*

COVID UPDATES - PLEASE READ THIS INFORMATION

Please see below a copy of the decision chart to support you in knowing what to do if your child or another member of your household is exposed to Covid-19.

What do I do if.....	What ACTION is needed?	When can I RETURN to school?
My child is ill with symptoms not linked to Covid-19: Sore throat, runny nose, headache, tummy ache, chicken pox, tonsillitis, sickness, diarrhoea	Follow the usual School Absence Policy	When the child is feeling better or 48 hours if the illness is sickness/diarrhoea
My child has one or more of the 3 main Covid-symptoms: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HIGH TEMPERATURE – this means feeling hot to the touch on the chest or back A NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH – this means coughing for more than an hour, or having 3 or more episodes in 24 hours A LOSS OR CHANGE TO SENSE OF SMELL OR TASTE – this means being unable to taste or smell as usual 	<p><u>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL</u></p> <p>Contact school to inform us</p> <p>Obtain a PCR test</p> <p>Self-isolate until results are known</p> <p>Siblings who have no symptoms should continue to attend school</p>	On receipt of a negative test result and when your child is well enough to attend
My child tests positive for Covid-19	<p><u>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL</u></p> <p>Contact the school to inform us, stating the earliest possible date of return</p> <p>Engage fully with NHS Test and Trace</p> <p>Engage with remote learning if your child is well enough to do so</p>	<p>After the applicable isolation period and when your child is well enough to attend</p> <p>Children can return after 10 days' even if the cough and loss of taste/smell remains. This can last for weeks</p>
My child tests negative for Covid-19	Contact school to inform us	...same day/next day and when they are well enough to return
Someone in my house is ill with Covid-19 symptoms	<p>Obtain PCR tests for everyone in your household and advise all close contacts of the person with symptoms to do the same</p> <p>If your child(ren) have no symptoms of Covid-19 they should continue to attend school while awaiting the test result. If your child(ren) have symptoms, they must self-isolate for the required period or until a negative PCR test result is received.</p> <p>A person is only required to isolate if they are over the age of 18 years and 6 months and are not double vaccinated. Any person who is double vaccinated or is under the age of 18 years and 6 months are not required to isolate unless they test positive or have 1 or more of the 3 main symptoms of Covid 19.</p>	
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NHS Test & Trace has identified my child as being in close contact of someone with symptoms confirmed as Covid-19	<p>Obtain a PCR test for your child</p> <p>If your child has no symptoms of Covid-19 they should continue to attend school while awaiting the test result. If your child has symptoms, they must self-isolate for the required period or until a negative PCR test result is received.</p> <p>A person is only required to isolate if they are over the age of 18 years and 6 months and are not double vaccinated. Any person who is double vaccinated or is under the age of 18 years and 6 months are not required to isolate unless they test positive or have 1 or more of the 3 main symptoms of Covid 19.</p>	
Someone other than NHS Test and Trace has informed me that I am a close contact of someone who has tested positive for Covid-19	<p>Obtain a PCR test for your child</p> <p>If your child has no symptoms of Covid-19 they should continue to attend school while awaiting the test result. If your child has symptoms, they must self-isolate for the required period or until a negative PCR test result is received.</p> <p>A person is only required to isolate if they are over the age of 18 years and 6 months and are not double vaccinated. Any person who is double vaccinated or is under the age of 18 years and 6 months are not required to isolate unless they test positive or have 1 or more of the 3 main symptoms of Covid 19.</p>	
We/my child has travelled and needs to self-isolate as a period of quarantine	<p>Do not take unauthorised leave in term-time</p> <p>Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel</p> <p>Return from a destination when quarantine is needed</p> <p>Agree an earliest possible date for return</p>	...the quarantine period has been completed