

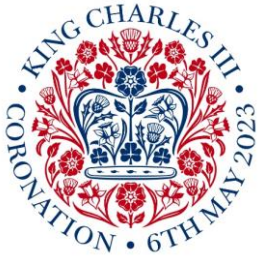


Brindishe
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Brindishe Federation Newsletter

Friday 5th May 2023



Coronation Special!

It was lovely to have so many families join us for our Coronation celebration and parade this week! The children had a fun-packed day making crowns, decorating cakes and joining together for a street party in the afternoon. Here are just a few of the lovely photos taken on the day and more will be uploaded to Its Learning:



Good Luck Year 6

Next week is a very important week in school. Our Year 6 children will be sitting their end of Key Stage 2 SATs every morning. The children will come into school early to enjoy a breakfast together and to ensure they are calm and ready to do their best. They have worked very hard all year and the staff are very proud of all their efforts. We wish them all the very best and know that they will be fabulous.



Request for Leave of Absence for Exceptional Circumstances during Term Time

Parents/carers are requested **not to take their child/ren out of school during term time** as this causes disruption to their education. Children only attend school 190 days a year.

At Brindishe Schools we must follow the law* in this regard and may only grant leave in exceptional circumstances if certain criteria are fulfilled.

Parents/carers should not normally take their child(ren) out of school during the school term.

Leave of absence in **exceptional circumstances** (such as religious observance or the death of a very close relative) is authorised at the discretion of the Headteacher (it is not the automatic right of parents/carers).

Please do not book your leave of absence until you have received the permission of the Headteacher.

Each request for leave of absence will be considered individually, taking into account:

- Ø the circumstances for the request
- Ø the supporting evidence provided
- Ø the overall attendance of your child(ren)
- Ø your child(ren)'s stage of education, progress and attainment

If the absence is approved by the Headteacher, you will be advised as to how many days the Headteacher has approved for your child(ren)'s absence.

If the school does not agree the absence and you take the leave without permission, or your child is absent for more than the agreed number of days the absence will be **unauthorised**.

You should be aware that a pattern of unauthorised absence is very likely to result in a Penalty Notice, which carries a fine of £120 per parent (for each child), reduced to £60 if paid within 21 days. In the event that this is not paid, the Education Authority may institute court action, which on conviction could result in a fine of up to £2,500 and a criminal conviction.

Office support

The virtual school page on the school website

<https://lee.brindisheschools.org/page/?title=Virtual+Office&pid=434> holds a lot of information you may find useful and prevent you from having to phone or visit the school office, however if you do have a query that can't be answered through the website please make contact either after gate opens in the morning (between 9.00-9.15) or after gate opens at the end of day (3.20-3.30) and the team will be happy to help.

The school office closes at 4:30pm each day, after this time you can email, all useful email addresses can be found on the contact us page on the school

<https://lee.brindisheschools.org/page/?title=Contact+Us&pid=113>

Any emails sent to the Info@ email address will be responded to within 3 working days during term time

Brindishe Lee Key Dates

- **Monday 8th May** – Coronation BANK HOLIDAY – School Closed
- **KS2 SATS week** – Tuesday 9th May to Friday 12th May
- **Monday 15th May** – Year 1 trip to the London Transport Museum



School lunch and music payments

Thank you for all families that are up to date with lunch and music payments. We ask that any payments for school lunches and music lessons are paid in advance. As a federation, at each school we do all we can to work towards a clear policy of zero tolerance to debts.

You can check if you have any monies owing to the school by logging into your Horizons parent portal. Payment can be made directly through the portal:

- Payments – Make payments for specific trips, clubs, music lessons or items and see your payment history.
- School Shop – Make top up payments for school meals which is £2.51 per day.

If you do owe any money please make any outstanding payments, the office team will be in touch with those currently owing. If you are unsure of your debt and cannot log in to the portal please contact the school office

Rights Respecting at Brindishe Schools – Article of the week

Article 39 (recovery from trauma and reintegration)

Children who have experienced neglect, abuse, exploitation, torture or who are victims of war must receive special support to help them recover their health, dignity, self-respect and social life.

What support do you think a child who has experienced trauma would need to recover?

- Space and time to talk to someone they trust
- Counselling from a professional
- A safe place to live
- Time to relax and play
- People around them who they love and trust
- Support to develop friendships
- Medical treatment if needed
- Extra support at school
- To understand they have the right to be treated with dignity



At Brindishe Schools, we give children the opportunity to speak to one another and adults about anything that is troubling them. Our support systems in school are robust and include ELSAs (Emotional Literacy Support Assistants) and Designated Safe Guarding Leads.

Watch this video of the book [The Journey by Francesca Sanna](#) with your child at home about a family fleeing war - what difficult things does the family experience? When they finally arrive in a safe place, what will they need in order to 'begin their story again'?





Brindishe Weekly Online Safety Bulletin

Being unkind online

It can be very easy online for children to behave in a way that they wouldn't if they were face to face with each other.

Talk to your child about how they speak to others online and encourage them to talk to people online with respect and kindness, like they would if they were face-to-face. How they act online should be how they behave on the school playground when they are following school rules. Here are some examples of what being unkind looks like online:

The above might happen whilst your child is gaming online or whilst using social media or messaging apps e.g. WhatsApp.

Top Internet Manners

Internet Matters have produced a list of 'manners' that we all should follow to create a safer and kinder online world:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/top-internet-manners/>

What should I do if my child is being bullied online?

Ensure that your child understands that if they receive unkind messages or see something that worries them, they should not reply or engage in conversation with the perpetrator. Instead, they should tell a trusted adult. You can use the tools within an app to report any offensive or hurtful content as well as block people so they cannot contact you again in the future.

Further information

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/kids/i-want-help-with/how-do-i-know-if-im-being-mean-online>

- Sending nasty or hurtful messages
- Leaving unkind comments
- Sharing photographs of somebody else without their permission
- Excluding somebody on purpose
- Impersonating somebody with a fake account
- Telling/sharing lies

Governing Body Dates

If you would like to attend a Brindishe Federation Governing Body meeting as an observer, please email our Chair, Liz Murphy - lizcmurphy@gmail.com

Summer 1
Summer 2

Brindishe Lee
Brindishe Manor

Tuesday 23rd May 2023, 6pm
Thursday 13th July 2023, 6pm



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Reception Open Dates for September 2024

Brindishe Schools have now published dates for Open Days (school tours). Tour places must be booked in advance with the school office. Please email [admissions@](mailto:admissions@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk) to reserve your place. Please note: Each school has its own booking system and email address.

Brindishe Green – admissions@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk

Thursday 28th September - 10am and 4.30pm

Tuesday 17th October - 10am and 4.30pm

Tuesday 14th November - 10am and 4.30pm

Brindishe Manor – admissions@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk

Tuesday 26th September - 9.30am and 4.30pm

Thursday 12th October - 9.30am and 4.30pm

Monday 13th November - 9:30am and 4:30pm

Brindishe Lee – admissions@brindishelee.lewisham.sch.uk

Thursday 21st September - 9:30am and 4:30pm

Monday 16th October - 9:30am and 4:30pm

Wednesday 15th November - 9:30am and 4:30pm

Looking for a nursery place for your child? Or know someone who is?

Find one at Brindishe Manor or Brindishe Green!

- both Ofsted-rated 'outstanding' schools

Brindishe Manor and Brindishe Green have **part-time and full-time** nursery places for children aged 3 and 4 years from September 2023.

[Visit our school website to find an application form and further information.](#)