



Brindishe Lee Newsletter  
Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2021  
Headteacher: Ms Maxine Sebire



Dear families, governors, staff and friends,

Staff across the school and federation have begun mapping out all the exciting plans for the new academic year. We are putting together all the final plans for September and will be in contact with you soon regarding classes and transition days.

One thing we don't know yet is what the Autumn Term will look like for us all in terms of COVID restrictions. There has been lots of information recently in the media regarding school bubbles, closures and testing and this is the only information we have at present. If and when guidance does come out, we will share with you how the school will operate from September, but at this moment, please keep following all the procedures we have in place.

For now, let's focus on the run up to the summer holidays. It may feel slightly different for you as parents/carers, not being as involved as you would hope, but for the children, the same experiences will be had and we will make them as enjoyable as they always are.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend!  
Kind regards,  
Ms Sebire and the Brindishe Lee Team.

#### PCR Testing

If you or your child are showing any symptoms of COVID-19, you must isolate as a family and book a PCR test on the following website: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

#### **WHEN SHOULD I HAVE A PCR TEST?**

- **If you currently have symptoms** that may indicate COVID-19, this is the test you should have to diagnose the infection.
- **If a lateral flow test is positive.** The purpose of the PCR test is to confirm the diagnosis, since it is a more accurate test than the lateral flow test.

#### **WHEN SHOULD I HAVE A LATERAL FLOW TEST?**

- You should only have this test **if you don't have any symptoms** and have been invited to take one as part of an exercise to identify infected people without symptoms.

#### Annual Pupil Report

Your child's annual report will be sent to you on Friday 16th July. The report format is similar to last year's. In addition to this, you will receive information about your child's teacher for next academic year.

#### Class Photograph

Your child's school photo has now been sent home. All orders must be made at [www.brianmorrisphoto.co.uk](http://www.brianmorrisphoto.co.uk) and can be delivered to your home address. If you wish your order to be delivered to school, your order must be placed by the 9<sup>th</sup> July for it to be delivered to school before the end of term.

#### Swimming Sessions – Year 6

Thank you to the parents/carers who helped escort the Year 6 class to their swimming sessions over the past two weeks, especially Mrs Clinch who did 6 days straight. We really appreciated your support. The children thoroughly enjoyed their swimming lessons. Thank you.

### Sports Event

As you are aware, we have been advised that sports day should be pupils only, and that this year, we have them in year groups as children continue to work in bubbles. We will be utilising our *Itslearning* page so we can share images of the sports event with parents/carers. Of course all children will participate in the sports event and we will make it really special for the children.

The week commencing the 12<sup>th</sup> July, children will take part in a bubble sports event at school. We will send you further information with regards to this sporting event as well as an exciting fundraising opportunity next week.

### Covid Reminders

Please take time to read the following information to ensure we keep ourselves, our school and our community as safe as we can....

### Continuing to keep Brindishe Lee Safe and Our Children at School

We ask that all families support us in keeping the children, staff and community safe:

- Please wear a face covering/mask when near school premises, if possible
- Please try to cross to the far side of the road once you have collected your child, rather than walk in front of the gate where parents are standing and waiting to enter the school.
- Contact the school office via email ([info@brindishelee.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:info@brindishelee.lewisham.sch.uk)) or telephone **020 8318 4626**.
- Please read our texts, emails and letters to keep up to date with new information

### HANDS, FACE, SPACE

This message is still a key part of our life.

**HANDS:** We will, once again, be reminding the children of following good hand hygiene, by washing their hands regularly. Please encourage your children to do the same at home.

**FACE:** Our expectations remain in place. We still encourage face coverings as you enter the school grounds.

**SPACE:** Maintaining a distance of at least 1m between us where possible will help reduce risk for all.

### Current rulings in place

- You can now meet up outside in larger groups, up to a limit of 30 people
- You can now meet indoors as a group of up to six people or two households
- Indoor hospitality can reopen
- Hotels and all holiday overnight accommodation can reopen
- You may also go on holiday or travel abroad, following government guidelines

### Travelling

If you or any member of your household are travelling outside of the UK to either a **RED**, **AMBER** or **GREEN** country, you must inform the school ([info@brindishelee.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:info@brindishelee.lewisham.sch.uk)) so we can ensure that you and your family are clear about the procedures and restrictions that may need to be followed. We will ask you to let us know the following information:

- Where you or your household member are going
- The return date to the UK
- Who is in your household

### Covid Symptoms

If you, your child or a member of your household becomes ill with Covid-19 symptoms or receives a positive test result for COVID-19, please email [info@brindishelee.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:info@brindishelee.lewisham.sch.uk) immediately providing the person/child's name, class, date, and the type and date of test. Your whole household must self-isolate for 10 days.

**Thank you for your support with this matter to ensure everyone is kept safe and well.**

### Important Dates

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July** - End of Term

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September** - INSET Day

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September** - Start of Term 1

