

Newsletter 1

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Challenge, Equality & Opportunity

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new year at Broadway East. I hope that you are all enjoying getting back into the school routine. It has been a great week in school. We have loved the sense of normality as a result of relaxing so many mitigations and the children have enthusiasm and positivity in bucket loads! An especially warm welcome to all those children and families who are new to our school. We really value the relationship between home and school and will always have time to talk to you and answer any questions which you might have. We send home newsletters every few weeks, usually on a Friday. These are full of information and news from school and will arrive via ParentMail.



Broadway East First
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You can also follow us on Twitter where we share pictures and news from classrooms several times during the week. If you have any questions or queries for the office or for teachers, please telephone or email the office.

Thank You

We must start this newsletter with a heartfelt thank you for all of the generosity which you showed at the end of last year. Never before have I received so many cards and emails which expressed so much gratitude and appreciation.

Staff have asked me to also pass on their thanks for all of the gifts and cards which you sent into school at the end of last term. Your generosity and thoughtfulness is very much appreciated.



Coffee Mornings



At the start of each year, we usually have coffee mornings for parents and carers of each class. This has always been an important opportunity to meet teachers and to learn about routines, expectations and the curriculum. We can't do this in person this year so we are going to prepare a short film for each class. This will be full of information and is really important for all parents and carers to watch. We will also send you a form on ParentMail so that you can let us know when you have watched it

and can ask any questions relating to the information. The link to the videos will be sent to you on ParentMail next week.

COVID-19 Update and Changes

Thanks to everyone for your support with the new procedures this term. The children have adapted very quickly and are enjoying some new found freedoms in school, especially being able to move more freely around school. There are only a few things to note at the current time:

PE Kits Back in School

Thank you for sending PE kits into school. The children are now changing for PE in classrooms, as we did pre-COVID times. We believe that it is an important part of their learning and development to be able to change independently, manage their possessions and know that it is appropriate to wear different clothes for physical activity. We would be very grateful if you could support children's development and independence at home by encouraging them to dress and undress independently so that they are able to manage changing at school. Please could you also ensure that all items of uniform, including PE kits are named. Thank you.

Coming into School Without Staggered Starts and Finishes

Please remember that the doors open at 8.50am and the school day begins at 8.55am. Children do not need to be here at 8.50am, as long as they are here before 8.55am. If children arrive after 8.55am, the doors will be closed and so you should report to the office by buzzing at the main doors. Well done to Class 4 who had to navigate the KS2 entrance from the first time this week, this was their first time in this part of school (due to bubbles being in place since their spring term in Reception!)

You are not required to wear a mask/face covering but please still try to avoid unnecessary close contact with others, especially if someone in your household has COVID-19. Thank you.

Contingency Plans and Changes to Guidance

Last week, we wrote to you regarding the latest guidance about close contacts, self-isolation, absence, symptoms etc. Thank you for reading the information and trying to understand yet more changes. I have attached the DfE leaflet for parents and carers. Our own latest Risk Assessment and Contingency Plan are available on our website.

Absence and Illness

All children should be in school unless they are unwell. Please let us know if your child is going to be absent. You can do this via ParentMail or by making a phone call to school. Please give as much information as possible when reporting your child absent via ParentMail or voicemail. If your child is unwell in any way, please get in touch so that we can agree on whether they should be in school or whether we recommend that they get a PCR test. The LA advice is that if you are unwell, 'think COVID first and book a PCR test'. We are extremely grateful for your support with this as we know it will become even more difficult as we get further into autumn and winter.

Please continue to inform us if your child has a positive PCR test as we need to closely monitor the number of positive cases.

As we stated in the letter last week, everything which we do will be done with caution and we will continue to avoid unnecessary risks as far as possible.

Return of Clubs and Extra-Curricular Activities

We are delighted that we can restart some clubs in school. As you all aware, we do not have hall space until we relocate and so we are limited to outdoor clubs or those which can run in classrooms. We are going to start in the week beginning 20th September with some Lee Sterry Sports activities for Y 1-Y4. As usual, Lee Sterry will contact you, via school, with information and the relevant paperwork. Please don't contact the school office to ask for a place. There will be a multi sports club for Y1-Y4 and a football (girls and boys) club for Y2-4. On wet days, the clubs will still run outdoors unless parents and carers choose to collect their child. Please note that this will be non-refundable.

General Information and Reminders

Flu Vaccinations

Thank you for returning your forms this week. If you would like your child to have an injection (pork gelatine free) then you can contact the school immunisation team on 0191 6432870 to make an appointment for your child to have an injection (not in school).

Travel to School

The area around our school is very congested at dropping off and picking up times. When parents and carers drive and park dangerously, they are presenting a real danger to children and adults around the site. If you do need to drive to school, please do so with care and regard for others. There is a disabled parking bay in the small car park, please leave this clear for families who are blue badge holders and therefore need to park as close as possible to the entrance. Spaces to park are very limited around school so if you are able to, please consider other sustainable ways to travel to school such as walking, cycling or scooting. You could also park a short distance from school and walk to the school site. This eases congestion, reduces air pollution, gets children active and makes our local area safer and more pleasant.

Some staff park in the public car park or on the surrounding streets because they are part time workers or are arriving/leaving the site when it is unsafe to drive through the site to the staff car park. When possible, staff leave the bays available for other users. Thank you for your support.

Fruit in School



The daily fruit for all children in Reception and KS1 will continue via the Fruit to School Scheme. Children in KS2 are encouraged to bring a piece of fruit or a small container of chopped fruit or veg each day. Please do not send processed and packaged products or anything other than fruit or veg. Please ensure that fruit such as grapes are chopped vertically to reduce the risk of choking. We cannot have nuts of any type in school due to allergies. Thank you for your cooperation.

Holidays in Term Time

As you will be aware, we are not able to authorise absences to cover holidays, but we can grant leave for exceptional circumstances. We will consider all requests but we are unlikely to authorise the leave unless it is rare and unavoidable. Please use the form from the school office to make any requests and contact school if you wish to discuss your reasons for taking your children out of school in term time. Once you have completed the form please return it to the office. Thank you for your cooperation.

Medicines in School

If your child requires an inhaler, please bring it into school with the appropriate care plan which you will have been given from your healthcare provider. All medicines, including inhalers, must be prescribed and

we need to see the prescription sticker/label on medication before we can administer it. You will need to complete some paperwork in order to give us permission to administer the specific medicine. Please ensure that all medicine and paperwork is given directly to Mrs Sutton, Mrs Watson, Mrs Whyte or the school office. Thank you.

School Meals and Packed Lunches

School meals are free to children in Reception and KS1. For children in Key Stage 2 school meals cost £2.20 per day. Please pay via the ParentMail App and let us know if you have any problems with the app or are not able to use it to make payments.

We will have the menus on the website as soon as we receive them from the City Council.

If your child is bringing a packed lunch, please remember to ensure that it is nutritious enough and sufficient to fuel your child through the afternoon. Our Packed Lunch Policy is available on the school website and should be able to help you with some ideas.

Please can we remind you to inform the school office if your child would like to change from packed lunch to school meals or vice versa. Children must stick to the same meal pattern all week.

It would be very helpful if you could remind your children that they are not allowed to share food in school. This is because of allergies and dietary requirements. Thank you.

New Build Update

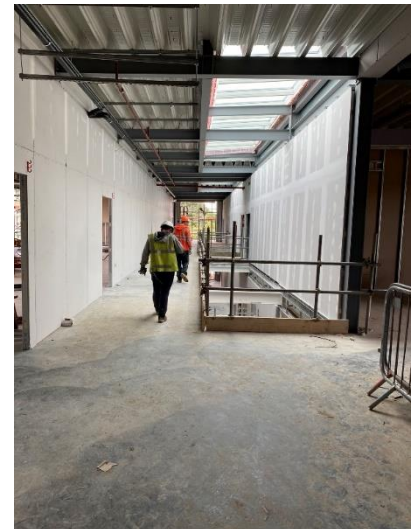
Timeline

We are delighted that the project is still on track to be completed in time for the summer term. We will keep you up to date with any information which we receive regarding the timeline.

Progress

On our last visit to site, we were stunned by the progress to the outdoor areas and the building. The roof cladding was almost all in place and the internal walls were starting to give a real sense of proportion inside the building. Our vision of a light and spacious environment was evident, especially in the classrooms and corridors where there is an abundance of natural light. We are currently looking at different colour schemes for all internal areas and we will include our Pupil Design Team in some of these decisions next week.

The year ahead is going to be extremely busy and we will keep everyone up to date through regular updates.





Apologies that this is a longer than usual newsletter. We will aim to get back to sharing information about learning and things which are going on in school, especially as we hope to have lots more going on in school now.

Thank you to everyone in our school family for making such a positive start to the new school year, it has been a great week in school and we are delighted to be back! However, after all of the hard work, we are pleased to see the weekend and we hope that everyone enjoys a well-earned rest!

Please get in touch if you have any questions.

Best wishes

Helen McKenna

Headteacher

