



Bishop Perrin C.E Primary School

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Friday 11th
September 2020

If you have any concerns regarding the safeguarding of children who attend Bishop Perrin CE Primary School, these should be reported to the Designated Safeguarding Lead who is Mr Corke. In his absence, concerns should be reported to the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead who is Miss Macklearn. The School's Safeguarding Governor is Father David Cloake.

Dear Parents,

It has been a really positive first full week back at school, and we are so impressed and proud of how the children have responded and adapted to all the new changes. Your help and support in this cannot be underestimated, so along with your assistance with the drop-off and pick-up arrangements, thank you very much indeed for helping us as school start the new term with such momentum. I would also like to thank all the BP staff who have worked so hard to make school welcoming and safe for the children.

We are looking forward to seeing many of our new Reception children visit us after school next week for some drop-in sessions and it won't be long until they are filling the Reception Classroom with chatter and excitement.

Thank you to all the parents who responded this week about using our new after school childcare, which we are calling "The Pod". Please see further in the newsletter more information and details about The Pod for those children attending next week. Mrs Keightley is looking forward to welcoming the children who have signed up for The Pod, and if all goes well with The Pod and it can be financially viable, we will look to seeing how we can make it a more permanent offer to you.

Please see further in the newsletter information about how we will conduct our Parent Interviews this term in light of the restrictions in place at present.

The forecast for early next week is for very warm and sunny weather. We have put up a large gazebo in one section of the playground, so all three areas of the playground will have access to some shade. Please make sure your child has sun cream applied before they come into school and a sunhat.

Covid-19 Related Information-IMPORTANT

Face Coverings

As of next week (Monday), we are politely requesting that parents, carers and anyone who comes onto the school site, especially at pick-up time, wears a face covering. We have noticed that parents are not using the yellow 2m social distancing markers along the pathway to the playground whilst queuing to collect their children at pick up time. As a school community, we need to be mindful that there are some parents who have underlying health conditions, and if socially distancing isn't being adhered to, we are increasing the risk for vulnerable people using the school site. If you can view coming onto the school site as if you were going into a shop, and use a face covering, it would help instil confidence and reduce anxiety across the school community. We appreciate that there will be some parents who cannot wear face masks for medical reasons, so other parents should be respectful of this. Thank you for your help and co-operation of this.

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Covid Testing of Bishop Perrin Pupils

Some children have had to undertake Covid-19 tests this week and thankfully, to date, they have all come back as negative. We are aware that there have been issues for some parents in organising tests for their children and their family as some local sites have been inundated with testing appointments. The Government have asked schools across the country to stress to their parents that they should only seek to have their children tested if they are exhibiting one or more of the following symptoms:

- A high temperature
- A new, continuous cough
- A loss or change of their sense of taste or smell

If your child has taken a Covid-19 test, please make sure you inform us of the result, be it negative or positive, by sending the confirmation email you will receive with the results.

What to do if you are notified of a positive test result over the weekend

In the event that a child returns with a positive test result and you are notified about this on either a Saturday or Sunday, it is imperative that you notify the school. This is so we can then seek advice and guidance from the South London Health Protection Team as to our next steps. It might be that we have to close a class down before they come into school on a Monday. In order for parents to notify us of the positive results, the info@bishopperrin.richmond.sch.uk email account will be checked at 5pm on both Saturday and Sunday. Therefore we are asking parents to email us the confirmation email you receive notifying you of a positive result as soon as possible. We would ask that you **do not** notify other parents in your child's class about the positive test result as we will inform the whole class of the next steps that need to be taken based on the advice we receive from the South London Health Protection Team.

Thank you for all your patience and understanding this week about all the tweaks and updates to our protocols and procedures. We appreciate how much information there is for you to digest at present, and our hope is that things will settle down soon and we can all start to get into a consistent routine. However, as we're all aware, there can sometimes be some rapid changes in guidance from the Government which we then have to react to and share with you.

Have a restful and relaxing weekend.

Mr Corke

CELEBRATION WORSHIP

Those children presented with a certificate for their hard work, great improvement or good behaviour this week are:

Endurance class	Samuel C
Peace class	Barnaby
Forgiveness class	Sofia
Reverence class	Cleo
Service class	Daisy
Justice class	Annabelle

GOLDEN PLATE

The Golden Plate award is given to the class that demonstrate good manners, politeness and a mature attitude in the hall at lunch time. This week the Golden Plate was awarded to Peace Class.

CLASS OF THE WEEK

The Infant Class of the week this week is **Peace Class** for a positive start as top of the infant classes.

The Junior Class of the week is **Forgiveness Class** for settling in well this week.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE – THE POD

Further to our email earlier this week a number of parents have now booked their children into the after school care club which will go ahead next week.

The club will now be known as The Pod. Bookings for each day will be limited to ten children to ensure adequate staffing levels. If you are unable to make a booking because The Pod is full please contact the school office .

If you have signed up for The Pod your child may bring a healthy snack with them to have during their time there. Weather permitting the children will spend the first hour doing activities in the playground.

If you are going to collect your child before 4.30pm please collect them via the school office. After 4.30pm children will need to be collected from the middle gates leading to the hall. Please ring the bell in the hall foyer and your child will be released to you.

BOOKING THE POD AND BREAKFAST CLUB

Bookings for either of the above clubs must be made before 2pm on the day before the club takes place. For clubs on Mondays bookings must be made by 2pm the preceding Friday.

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Autumn Term Parent Interview Format

In order to minimise the number of contacts coming into the school building, we will not be holding face-to-face Parent Interviews this term. In place of the formal face-to-face meetings, we will be offering parents the opportunity to join in a live "Meet the Teacher" session during the week beginning the 28th September, followed up during the week beginning 5th October with a 5 minute phone call to each family. Parents of children who are on the school's Special Educational Needs Register will have the opportunity of an extended phone call if they wish.

The "Meet the Teacher" session will be an opportunity for your child's teacher to share expectations, timetables and routines with you. We will be inviting parents to send in general questions that they would like answered prior to the sessions which the teachers will then answer for them. The teachers will prepare a document that will be sent to all parents of children in their class in case some parents aren't able to join the "live" session. We hope that this format will help answer lots of common and generic questions, thus leaving the follow up phone call the following week for a more focused conversation about how your child has settled into school and any other specific issues to discuss.

The "live" session will be held using Google Meet, which is an online video conferencing platform. If you are not familiar with Google Meet, and you intend to be able to join in with your class session, please click through here to see how you can access it:
<https://apps.google.com/meet/?hs=197>

Prior to the "live" session, we will send out a code that will allow you to join the meeting. The live sessions will all be at separate times so that parents can join in meetings if they have children in different classes. With regards the phone calls, we will offer parents a range of times (one hour blocks) when your child's class teacher will phone you to talk to you.

We hope this format to the Parent Interviews will be informative and convenient to everyone under the restrictive circumstances that we are working under. Please look out for a separate email with more details over the next two weeks.

SCHOOL MEAL BOOKINGS

To make booking a little easier there is now only once code for all classes. **To book meals for the week commencing Monday 21st September please visit www.schoolinterviews.co.uk and enter code 4ffan.** Please make sure that on the first screen you choose all the meal options you require for each child. On the second screen you will be able to select the dates the meals are required.

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