



Newsletter

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Be the best you can be, every day

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

It has been so lovely to welcome back more children to Brockham and Leigh this week...and I am relieved to say they all seemed to be very pleased to be here! Year 1 and 6 returned this week. We split all the classes into two groups A and B - with Groups A attending Monday and Tuesday and Groups B on Thursday and Friday. The children of our key Workers have continued to come in each day. Next week we will welcome back Reception to both the Brockham and Leigh sites.

There were many factors which needed to be taken into account in order to plan for their return. Along with safety measures, such as rigorous hygiene and cleaning routines, there have been many other considerations which have included group size, deployment of staff, allocation of rooms and outdoor areas and use of equipment and resources. Therefore, in order to meet social distancing requirements:

- Children are in classrooms with no more than eight pupils.
- An adult is allocated to each group.
- The children remain in their groups through the day with staggered drop off and pick up, staggered break times and lunchtimes.
- They remain within their allocated classroom and outdoor area, with as much learning undertaken outside as is possible.

I must just say a huge thank you to all of the staff who have worked so hard to get the school ready for this week, and to the BERT volunteers who have supported us in helping to make sure drop off and pick up has run so smoothly.

We are very fortunate that we have the three sites and lots of outdoor space. This means we have been able to allocate an outdoor area to each particular year groups and 'bubble' of children. Every class base is also in use, as we can only have eight pupils in each room. However, the biggest challenge for us has been staffing, as adults who are in with a 'bubble' of children on Monday and Tuesday cannot be with a 'bubble' who attends on a Thursday and Friday. When we open to the three year groups and key workers on Monday 8th June it will take 42 members off staff to do this.

Unfortunately, this is the main reason we have not yet been able to meet our target of MS Teams sessions for Years 2, 3, 4 and 5...we have not forgotten about it though! Mrs Knapp has been collating all of your responses to our permission request, sent out just before half term, and we hope to send out more information to the parents of these year groups next week. In the meantime, please do remember to contact us should you need any help and support. I have once again included our contact details below.

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As mentioned previously, please do let us know if you are in any way concerned about the welfare and safety of any of pupils via the designated safeguarding lead email: dsl@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk
It is a confidential email address.

CHANGES TO RELATIONSHIPS, SEX & HEALTH EDUCATION IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS

For September 2020 it is a requirement for schools to renew their school policies on Relationships, Sex and Health Education. Mrs Boyer is leading the development of our policy and curriculum for the school. Attached to this email is a document from the DfE containing information for parents, regarding the changes which will be implemented for the next school year. Mrs Boyer has been in contact with some of our parents for feedback regarding the changes, but if you would also be interested in supporting the school in the development of this policy please do contact Mrs Boyer. She would be very pleased to hear from you. Many thanks

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And Finally...More Happy News...

MAYPOLE DAY

As I am sure you are aware, one of our favourite days of the year is Maypole Day, dancing on the Village Green (and who can forget the staff flash mob last year?) Well, thanks to Jemimah Maypole Day did not pass by this year without someone getting into the Maypole spirit!

Thank you so much Jemimah (and her siblings) for making the day so special.

