



September 2020 Newsletter

Please find below our latest news of events and things going on in school. If you can't find the answers you are looking for, please don't hesitate to get in touch through the School Office!

Welcome

We are very excited and looking forward to the return of our pupils – it has been so long since we have seen so many of you! We hope that everyone has stayed safe and is well and that you have read previous correspondence about the ways in which we are trying to keep our school community safe during this time. We would also like to let you know of some of the things that we intend to do this term – happy reading!



Coronavirus

We continue to follow the changing guidance provided by the Government and have spent a great deal of time and effort working through plans to ensure the safety of our pupils and staff. As the children return, we will adapt to changes and modify our plans as necessary as well as keep you all informed. Please support us in keeping to the systems we put in place and we are confident we can make this successfully work.

Arrival and Dismissal Times

As we adapt to guidance and regulations regarding COVID-19, these are the timings that we will have in place initially – please note that these will change over time.

Phase Bubble	Arrival Time	Dismissal Time
EYFS	8:45am	3:00pm
UKS2	8:55am	3:10pm
KS1	9:05am	3:20pm
LKS2	9:15am	3:30pm

Please avoid queuing at gates before your allocated time.

Enquiries

As Class Teachers will not be available on the playground like previously, if you have any enquires or concerns regarding your child's progress or school work, please email you child's Class Teacher directly. If you have any general enquiries, please email Mrs Mitchell j.mitchell@bolton-le-sands.lancs.sch.uk If you need to speak to a member of staff, please contact the School Office to make an appointment.

Parents' Evening

To improve the way in which we inform parents of pupil progress and what is going on in class, we are adapting our 'Meet the Teacher' evening so it focuses on curriculum expectations. This year this will be done online towards the end of September – more details to follow. We are then introducing a full parents' evening in November.



Collective Worship and School Value

We will continue to offer daily acts of Collective Worship, though these will look a little different to normal. Our central theme for this half term is:

"Creating Positivity"

This links to our value of 'creativity' and we will focus on pupil wellbeing and mental health too.

BLS Out of School Club

Donna and the team have been working hard to prepare their plans for returning pupils. They have agreed to bring their pupils at 8:55am and for dismissal, they will wait under the wooden shelter until the classes have come out.



Walking Bus

Unfortunately, due to the staggered times and staffing restrictions, we are unable to reinstate our walking bus.

This proved popular and beneficial to quite a few families so we will look again at this at a later stage.



Reading Books

Due to the restrictions on handling of books, we are unable to change books as frequently as we would like. Therefore, please remember that you can read books from home and record these in their reading records.



Infant Fruit and Key Stage 2 Tuck Shop

All of EYFS and Key Stage 1 will have access to free fresh fruit each day, starting Tuesday 8th September. The Key Stage 2 tuck shop is going to be reinstated from Monday 7th September at a cost of £1 per week, which your child can bring in to exchange for a tuck shop loyalty card.



Absence and Holidays

If your child is unwell, please do not send them to school. If you are concerned that they may be displaying symptoms of COVID-19, please take further advice from 111 or NHS online.

If you have recently returned from a holiday abroad, please check that you are safe **not** to self-isolate by visiting the government website:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-travel-corridors>

If you have returned from one of the designated destinations and you have to self-isolate, please inform Mrs Mitchell at the School Office: 01524 823606 or j.mitchell@bolton-le-sands.lancs.sch.uk

Uniform

If you require items of branded uniform, please contact The Uniform and Leisurewear Company: <https://www.ualonline.com/>

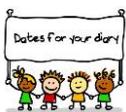
Our uniform consists of:

General	PE
Suitable waterproof coat	
Grey shorts, skirt, pinafore or trousers	Blue round neck t-shirt
Blue cardigan or jumper	Plain, dark shorts
White or sky blue polo-shirt	Black pumps
Blue chequered summer dress	Dark, plain leggings/tracksuit bottoms (outdoor)
Black sensible shoes	Plain sweatshirt or a BLS blue hoodie (outdoor)
Black, grey or white socks/tights	Trainers

We ask that **all** uniform is labelled!

Please note that the children will be doing as much PE outdoors as possible so an outdoor PE kit (in the same bag) is advised.

The Key Stage 1 team have also requested that members of KS1 have a pair of wellies in school this term for outdoor learning.



Dates for your Diary

- Thu 3 Sep: School Reopens (staggered start and end times)
- Mon 7 Sep: Governors' Meeting (DHT Appointment initial meeting)
- Tue 8 Sep: Classes 6, 7, 8 dry swim session
- Thu 10 Sep: Class 5 dry swim session
- Tue 15 Sep: Classes 6, 7, 8 attend swimming session 1
- Thu 17 Sep: Class 5 attend swimming session 1 (£10 contribution)
- Mon 5 Oct: Governors' Meeting (Curriculum Committee)
- Mon 12 Oct: Governors' Meeting (Resources Committee)
- Fri 23 Oct: Last day before half term break
- Mon 26 Oct: HALF TERM
- Mon 2 Nov: INSET DAY
- Tue 3 Nov: School Reopens
- Mon 23 Nov: Full Governors' Meeting
- Fri 18 Dec: Last day before the Christmas break

PE Days

Please ensure that children are **not** wearing earrings on PE days.

MON	EYFS 10 and 11
TUE	3 4 and 9
WED	4 5 10 and 11
THU	EYFS 3 and 7
FRI	5 6 8 and 9

Classes 6, 7 and 8 will be swimming on Tuesdays, starting 15th September, and Class 5, initially, on Thursdays, starting 17th September. As Key Stage 1 swimming is extra, we ask for a £10 contribution from parents.



School Lunches

The new school menu will start on 14th September.

Key Stage 2 children will need to pay for lunches via ParentPay.

Curriculum Newsletters

Your child's Class Teacher is busy making our Curriculum Newsletter detailing what will be going on in their class this term. These will be sent out next week via email.

Parent Drop-In Session

If you have concerns over your child's needs or well-being, Mr Kelly (SENDCo) and Mrs Rose (Learning Mentor) will be running a weekly drop-in session on Wednesdays at 2:30pm. If you would like to attend, please contact the School Office.



Welfare Assistant Vacancy

We have vacancies for a lunchtime Welfare Assistant and a Welfare Supervisor. If you are interested, please contact the School Office as we are looking to recruit as soon as possible.

Kind regards
Mr Daniel Hargreaves
(Headteacher)