

Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School



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Dear Parents, Pupils & Governors,

We have been delighted to welcome all children back into school this week. It has been great to see everyone smiling and have our school filled with the noise of children having fun and enjoying seeing their friends and teachers again. We are so proud of how hard they have worked and how quickly they have got back in the routine. You should be incredibly proud of them as they are a credit to you all.

Covid-19 Awareness – Now that we are all back in school it is important that we continue to follow the guidelines and arrangements that served us well during the autumn term. All pupils will work in their class bubbles and will not mix with other class groups. Breaks are staggered and the lunch hall is divided to keep bubbles separate. Please continue to support everyone's safety by maintaining social distancing and wearing a face covering while on the school site. Under the current guidance, children should still not be attending each other houses, having sleepovers or being picked up by anyone not in their family bubble unless there is no other alternative. We are doing our uppermost in school to keep all our staff and pupils safe and we need your help to do this outside of school as well.

- If your child is showing any of the 3 main Covid-19 symptoms: **high temperature, continuous cough and/or loss/change to smell/taste** they should isolate immediately and have a Covid-19 test. If they are unwell with any of these other symptoms: loss of appetite, diarrhoea, nausea, vomiting, extreme tiredness, headaches, joint pain, muscle ache, runny nose, sore throat, sneezing, altered consciousness or seizures it is recommended they do not come into school and have a test if you are unsure.
- If your child receives a **positive Covid-19 test** result outside of school hours (including during the weekend and school holidays), please leave a message on the school answerphone and send a text to 07591 541444 immediately. We will contact you to confirm the next steps. Please do not use this number for any other messages. If your child receives a **negative Covid-19 test** result please contact the office on 01789 773201 before sending your child back to school.
- For the latest Coronavirus Government advice for parents please follow this link:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak?priority-taxon=b350e61d-1db9-4cc2-bb44-fab02882ac25>

Governor Vacancies – We currently have vacancies for a Foundation and a Parent Governor on our school Governing Body. Being a governor is a fantastic opportunity to help with the strategic management of our school. Our Governing Body comprises people with a variety of skills who offer their time to support our school. Foundation Governors need to be a member of our local C of E congregation and Parent Governors need to be a parent of a child at our school. Please contact the school office if you would like to express an interest. We are unable to carry out elections at the present time due to Covid restrictions.

Parking – Please be considerate to our neighbours when you are parking near school. There is plenty of space in the carpark by the fire station, only a short walk away. We understand that complaints relating to inconsiderate parking around school have been recently raised with the Police and we will be working with them to help and ensure the roads around the school are safe for our pupils as well as ensuring the parking of our parents are not affecting the local neighbours.

Secondary school offers - To ensure all Year 6 pupils have a place at secondary school in September, please accept or decline the place you were offered on 1st March by going to www.warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions .

Book of the Week – In celebration of International Women's Day, Miss Drissell's class have been reading 'Fantastically Great Women Who Changed The World' by Kate Pankhurst. From Coco Chanel to Rosa Parks, this book is bursting full of astounding facts and incredible artwork on some of the most brilliant women who helped shape the world we live in.

Mr A Simms