



Leppington, Birch Hill, Bracknell, RG12 7WW
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Friday, 29 May 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

COVID19 update 29th May

I hope that you are all well, adjusting to the changes to lockdown and managing to enjoy the spring weather. This has been one of our few constants in a very turbulent time and I hope has at least brought some enjoyment over the past few weeks.

As you will be aware we have been working on plans to open the school to additional children from the week beginning Monday 8th June. You will have read my previous letter that outlines the basic plans. As with everything at the moment, this is all subject to change with any further government announcements or guidance.

All of our letters and guidance is available on the school website
<https://www.birchhillprimaryschool.co.uk/page/?title=COVID%2D19&pid=134>

Today we are sending out permission letters for these new groups (bubbles) with more details of final arrangements regarding starting on 8th June. We have agreed to open in phases. Phase 1) - will have nine bubbles; **Class bubbles** (Nursery, Reception and Y1) and **Key Worker & Vulnerable children Bubbles** (Infants, Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6). Phase 2) - we will look at opening more bubbles, but have not agreed a specific date. Please contact the school office if you have any questions regarding these arrangements or requesting a place in a bubble.

Unfortunately, we are not able to open a Y6 bubble at this time as the demand for places for Key Worker children has increased and the government have said this is the priority. We hope to be able to do this, and will keep you updated over the next few weeks.

Home Learning Pack, Resources and Videos

This week has been half term, therefore our Home Learning packs for the week beginning 1st June will be available on Monday.

I hope you are continuing to find these packs useful and enjoyable. Just to reassure everyone, that even when we are open on 8th June for some year groups we will still, for the time being, be providing Home Learning packs for those children at home. As I have said in previous letters there may come a time, if we open up to more children, when we cannot provide this in the same way, but I will let you know if and when this happens.

In the meantime, please keep using Purple Mash and emailing work to us and we will do our best to acknowledge as much as we can. If you have any questions related to Home Learning, please let us know via homelearning@birchhillprimaryschool.co.uk

In the usual way.

Some Good News – Anna Wills

It is lovely to be the bearer of some good news at this time. I am delighted to welcome Loki Ryder Dean to the world. He was born on 18th May at a healthy weight of 8lbs 30oz. Congratulations to Anna and Dan.

Staffing update

In a previous letter, I informed you that at the end of the year, Miss Culverhouse would be leaving us. I am delighted to announce that her replacement will be Emma Woodward, who will take over as one of the Reception Teachers and EYFS leader.

At the end of the year, Miss Jakeman will be leaving us to take up an exciting position in Kuwait. We wish her all the best in her new adventure and thank her for all her work with us at Birch Hill. We are very pleased that Mrs Kerslake has completed her teacher training and will replace Miss Jakeman.

In the meantime, I hope you enjoy the weekend, making sure you stay safe and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Dillon". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial 'M'.

Michael Dillon
Headteacher