



# Weekly Update

25th September 2020

It was lovely to see so many parents join our Welcome to Year Group Meetings for Y3/4 and Y5/6 this week. We will put the presentations on the website as soon as possible. I hope you found them useful and many thanks for your patience as we worked through a few technology difficulties!

Please remember all of our COVID19 information can be found on our website at <https://www.birchhillprimaryschool.co.uk/page/?title=COVID%2D19&pid=134>

As always, please feel free to send us any feedback via [secretary@birchhillprimaryschool.co.uk](mailto:secretary@birchhillprimaryschool.co.uk)

## **COVID19 Update.**

We have sent out a Parents—What-to-do-if Guide . We will use this as the main source of information and update it when needed. Following the Prime Minister's announcement this week we are making a few changes to our procedures to keep everyone safe;

### **Parents;**

- ◆ Please **wear masks** when coming on to the school premises (even the school playground) and office.
- ◆ Only **one parent** to come on to the school premises .
- ◆ Please keep to Social Distance rules.
- ◆ Park in Aldi or South Hill Park and walk.
- ◆ Arrive at your designated time.

### **Staff**

- ◆ You may see more staff wearing masks and visors while at drop off , collection and around school. This is particularly for staff who are crossing bubbles such as; Senior Leadership Team, Admin, Catering and Cleaning staff.

### **Visitors**

- ◆ All visitors are asked to wear a mask—when coming into the office or school.

Please see the attached flow chart called How to decide whether to keep your child off school during the Pandemic.

### Reception Parents:

On Monday your child will bring home a 'fun book' - This is a fiction or non-fiction book that your child will return every Friday morning, then independently choose a new book to take home on a Monday. The fun book is not levelled and is not designed to all be read by your child. The idea of the fun book is that you share the love of reading with them and read it with them. The fun book will give your child access to many different genres, characters, stories and non-fiction books to broaden their reading ability.

When your child is ready they will start to bring home a phonics book. This is a book that has been carefully matched to meet the reading ability of your child. A member of staff will change this book when they feel the child can read it fluently and are able to talk about the book and answer questions about it.

## A few reminders.....

**We have a Parent Governor Vacancy** . If you would like to express your interest, please email Jane, the Clerk to the governors on [Jhodgson@birchhillprimaryschool.co.uk](mailto:Jhodgson@birchhillprimaryschool.co.uk) for a nomination form.

If you are waiting for a test—the whole family need to self-isolate until you have the test results.

### Access to Remote Learning

If your child is self-isolating for 14 days we will contact you and arrange for remote learning tuition.

### Recording Absence

Please register any absence via the online form available on the website at <https://www.birchhillprimaryschool.co.uk/page/?title=Report+your+child+absent&pid=313>

## Dates

Diary Dates	
Year 1/2 Year Group Welcome Meeting	6:30 - 7:30 Thursday 1st October (Live via ZOOM)
Reception Year Group Welcome Meeting	6:30 - 7:30 Tuesday 13th October (Live via ZOOM)
Parent Consultations	4-7pm—Tuesday 20th October (Via ZOOM )
	4-7pm—Thursday 22nd October (Via ZOOM)