



19th April 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you all had a restful break over the Easter holidays. It has been so nice to have some sunshine, get a proper haircut and just do a few other normal things!

I've got a few updates regarding COVID measures in school and a few other items that I'd like to tell you about.

COVID:

Despite the slight relaxing of measures we need to bear in mind that we're still dealing with a global pandemic. Until further notice measures such as our one way system, staggered start and end of the day, reducing the amount of visiting adults on site, having the children in bubbles, etc, are still in effect and we ask that you continue to comply with these.

- Our most current risk assessment is on our website – this will continue to be updated as information and guidance changes.
- We ask that all visitors to site follow the measures put in place to safeguard all in school.
- Remember, please don't attend school and you must inform us if;
 - you or members of your household have covid-19 symptoms, you should [arrange a PCR test](#)
 - you or members of your household have tested positive on LFD or PCR in the last 10 days (anyone with a positive LFD should book a confirmatory PCR test)
 - you have been told to isolate as a contact. Close contacts can now book a PCR test as a contact [book a test](#)
 - you feel unwell
 - you should be isolating for 10 days following recently returning from overseas.
- Families can now take part in the national test at home programme. Lateral flow, rapid testing kits are available to all via the .gov website [here](#)
- Please ensure that you leave site as soon as possible after collecting your children. The outdoor classroom, tyres, etc are still out of bounds, please don't let your children play on them.

School Uniform:

Now that the shops are fully open we expect that children will come to school in the appropriate uniform. We did relax things before Easter as we understood that trying to get shoes that fit properly was tricky with the shops shut. No more trainers please.

Now that the weather is improving, summer uniform of shorts and summer dresses is fine to wear. Please make sure that children pack a cap or sun hat for when it gets even hotter.

We will be launching our new uniform later on this term – ready for September – more details to follow shortly.

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School Money:

We launched our cashless payment service earlier this year. It has been received very positively by parents. We are encouraging all parents to sign up via the link that was sent out earlier this year. If you are still having difficulties, please contact Mrs Bell in the office as soon as possible.

Residential Trips:

As you're aware, we aren't able to run any residential trips this academic year due to COVID restrictions. However, we've provisionally booked trips for next year and are looking to expand the year groups that go. We will let you know as soon as we have secured places and how much it will cost.

Work in school:

Over Easter we saw more of our technology upgrades. All classrooms have new interactive boards and new computers. The network and cabling throughout the school is being upgraded too. With the start of the new financial year, more work will be able to commence in school and in our grounds. We have plans to start refurbishing classrooms, redecorating the corridors, revamping the playgrounds and bringing the school more up to date.

Thanks for your understanding over this tricky start to my headship at Belle Vue. I hope the summer continues to see a relaxation of the COVID rules and we can have a normal (whatever that is) start to my second year! If you have any concerns, questions or just want to say Hello, myself and Mrs Davies split ourselves between the two entrance gates most mornings or we can be contacted via the school office.

Take care

Mr Joel Marshall

Headteacher