

**Brinsley Primary and Nursery School, Moor Road, Brinsley, Nottinghamshire
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School procedures following National lockdown

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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you and your families have had a restful and safe October half term.

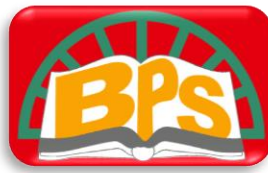
Following the Prime Minister's announcement on Saturday 31 October, we have now received the updated formal guidance from both the government and the DFE (Department for Education). Please follow this [LINK](#) to read it.

Having read it ourselves, we have considered how it affects our procedures in school, the children, staff and yourselves. With this in mind we would like to take this opportunity to remind you that now, more than ever, it is vital that all of the measures we have put into place in school to keep our children, staff and families safe, are followed. We will continue to ensure that the children remain separate in their bubbles; hand washing and hand hygiene measures are used regularly throughout the day; rooms and all school areas are kept well ventilated; children are reminded not to touch others; and the staggered entry/exit/break and lunchtimes are used.

I would like to ask Parents/Carers and children to support us in the following ways:

- Only 1 adult per family should enter the school site when dropping off/collecting our youngest children. We would now ask that parents of children in Years 3 – 6 drop their child/children at the school gate.
- To minimise gatherings whilst waiting to drop off/collect children, please adhere to the times for drop off
 - Surname A – K: Drop off 8:45..... Collection 3:15
 - Surname L – Z: Drop off 9:00.....Collection 3:30
 - Please aim to enter the school site no more than 5 minutes before your drop off/collection time – this includes older children who may be allowed to come into school without an adult coming onto site.
- While we acknowledge it is getting colder, we would still ask that wherever possible children walk, scoot, or ride their bikes to school (if they can safely do so). We are very aware of the amount of traffic in and around school and how that can affect the safety of the whole community.
- Whilst on site, please ensure that strict social distancing is adhered to – 2 metres. This also includes walking close to other families you may know and want to walk with socially.
- We would continue to encourage parents and adults to wear a face covering if possible in and around school. Thank you to all who have supported us in this regard.
- As the temperature begins to drop, we still need to ensure the windows are kept open to maximise ventilation. Although the heating is also on, the air temperature is less than it usually would be in the classrooms at this time of year.





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- I would recommend children wearing additional layers – vests/t-shirts/an extra jumper or top. Where possible, please try to make sure that children are not wearing brightly coloured, logo tops/hoodies, so that we are able to maintain our high expectations of uniform or school colours – it makes a big difference to children's behaviour and attitudes in the classroom and on the playground.

The overriding message from the government was that they would try and make sure that schools remain open, so it is safe to assume at this particular point in time that we will stay open.

On a brighter note, because of the limitations being placed on our everyday lives and the impact this will have on our children we are determined to make this half term as much fun as we possibly can. Two ways we have thought are:

1. Through Christmas related activities. Staff are currently brainstorming as many ways as possible of things to do within current restrictions e.g. the Pantomime on Monday.
2. Birthdays. An idea was found on social media, which we thought was a brilliant. We have adapted it below:

We realise that many children will be missing out on a large part of their birthdays, unable to celebrate with family and friends. We think that given how much the children have already had to cope with, we are able to do something to help. Therefore, we would like to give them the opportunity to celebrate their birthdays in school with their class friends.

We have decided to hold a birthday party on the last Friday of every month (beginning Friday 27 November). This will be to celebrate all of the children that have had a birthday that month.

All the children will have their lunch/school dinner as normal, however during the afternoon school will provide fun games, activities, snacks/treats and a party atmosphere. There will also be a little cake for each birthday child. All the party costs will be covered by the school. While most children should still come in school uniform, any 'birthday' children can wear non-uniform.

If your child has already had their birthday in September/October, they will be included in the first birthday celebration on Friday 27 November 2020.

As always should you need or want to ask us anything, please do get in touch.

Kind regards,

Jason Osprey
Head Teacher

