

Arrangements for Parents' Evenings

This week we are starting our parents' evenings.

Please follow this guide to keep everyone as safe as possible.



- DO NOT come to your appointment if you have any symptoms of Covid-19, or if you have had close contact with someone with a positive test in the last 14 days. If you need to isolate, we will arrange a telephone appointment on another day.



- Please wear a face mask when inside the school building.



- Sanitise your hands on entry to the building and following your appointment.



- No more than two adults should come to the appointment.



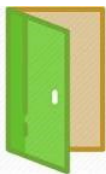
- Please do not bring any children (except babies under 12 months) with you. If you cannot arrange childcare we will arrange for a telephone appointment on another day instead.



- Please arrive promptly at the time of your appointment. There will not be an opportunity to look at your child's books, so you do not need to come beforehand. *If you are more than 5 minutes late for your appointment the teacher will be unable to see you and we will arrange for a telephone appointment at another time.*



- Once your 10 minute appointment is finished, please leave the site promptly. If you have more to discuss with your child's teacher, they will arrange a follow up telephone appointment.



- Entrance is through the Office Foyer doors. The Heath Road South gate and Bunbury Road gates will both be open. You do not need to follow the one way system on this occasion, but please be respectful and allow plenty of room to let other parents pass.



- Teachers will also be wearing face masks.



- If you would prefer a telephone call to a face-to-face appointment, please let the school office know and we will arrange this for you.

St Laurence Church Infant

Newsletter

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All parents should have received a letter emailed out earlier this week to let you know about the closure of class RY and the Reception wraparound care bubble due to a confirmed positive test result. The affected families were contacted personally and children who came into close contact with the person affected will be isolating until Thursday 29th October.

With cases of COVID now so close to home it is more important than ever that we all follow the guidelines on reducing risk on the school site (and elsewhere) including social distancing on the playground and following the one way system. Parents may choose to wear a mask when dropping your child at school.

Unmanned Gates

Can we remind parents that we do not have staff positioned to watch the gate at the bottom of the playground. An unaccompanied child could potentially walk out of the playground and onto the busy Bunbury Road.

It is **your responsibility** to see that your child has come into school safely. We understand that the one way system is inconvenient, however it is in place to keep everyone safe. Please **do not** leave your child at the top of the steps on Heath Road South as you need to be sure they have entered the building.

We cannot allow parents to watch from the top of the steps as this will create groups of adults which we must avoid.

If you are having difficulty with the timings of the school day and sibling drop offs, please contact the school office and we will find an arrangement that keeps your child, yourself and other members of the school family safe.



Blended Learning

If you have not yet accepted our blended learning policy, please read it on the "[Home Learning](#)" page of our website.

Once you have read the policy, please email school to let us know that you agree to follow the guidelines, along with your child's name and class.

Once you have done this, your child's BGFL 365 login will be added to the "teams" to allow you to watch assemblies and live teaching sessions from home.

This week there were a few parents who missed out on watching their child's birthday candles or Amazing Attitude Award certificates because they had not agreed to the policy in time for us to add them before the assemblies started.



PTA News



The PTA Reception welcome parties raised

£115!

The commission from the Christmas cards ordered will be

£280!



Thank you to all those who made donations and have ordered Christmas cards, mugs and wrapping paper for all the family.

Every penny is really valued as we try to raise enough for new climbing equipment for the children to enjoy on the playground.

Half Term Holiday

We hope all our families have a restful half term break and look forward to seeing everyone back at school on

Monday 2nd November!

If you are celebrating Halloween, please make sure you are doing this in a covid- safe way.



Positive Covid Cases

If your child tests positive for covid over the half term holiday, please email the school on enquiry@stlrnci.bham.sch.uk to let us know.

Covid is contagious from 48 hrs before symptoms develop so if anyone who was in school on Thursday tests positive up till Saturday, we need to know.



Children in Need 2020

We will be taking part in Children in Need's Five to Thrive challenge on Friday 13th November: Children will have five, 5 minute wellbeing challenges in their class bubble throughout the day.

We would love the children to support this by bringing a donation into school and coming to school in yellow and /or spotty clothes.

After half term we will be selling Pudsey ears and slap bands from the school office but will only be able to accept the exact change so that staff do not have to handle money.



Harvest

Thank you for the generous Harvest food donations.

We held our Harvest Festival led "virtually" by 2R on Thursday!

The food is being collected today by the South Birmingham Young Homeless Project who have said how much more in need they are this year than ever.



COVID-19

Birmingham is a **High Risk** area.

A reminder not to send your child to school if they or anyone in your household have any of the symptoms of Covid-19 (coronavirus). These are:

- **A high temperature**
- **A new continuous cough**
- **A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste**

