



BEANFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

What an Autumn term it has been! I have been so proud of how the children have adapted to the “new normal” in school over this term and their positive attitudes and engagement in their learning have been wonderful to see. We have been extremely grateful for all the support you have given us over this term to help children settle back into school life. There have been ups and downs along the way however we feel that we have established the safest possible school environment for children, families and staff in the current climate.

As ever at Beanfield it has been a busy term. Despite the restrictions still in place we have enjoyed the run up to Christmas with all children taking part in a Christmas decoration afternoon, our annual Christmas jumper day and Christmas lunch, the virtual Panto that was enjoyed by all children and Christmas/Birthday parties in the last week of term.

We are delighted to share the news that Mrs Machell gave birth to a baby boy at the beginning of December and that mother and baby are doing well. We are also saddened to share the news that Miss Cope-Palmer will be leaving us at the end of term due to securing a new post in another school and that Mr Chisholm will be leaving early in the new year due to securing a role outside of education but focusing on what he loves the most – the outdoors! We wish them both all the best.

As you are well aware, Covid-19 has not gone away and our vigilance in maintaining safety around the school site will continue in January as it has done this term. With this in mind, please can we remind you of the following guidelines:

- Not entering our school site if you or your child are at all symptomatic and by following the NHS self-isolation rules.
- Contacting us to report a positive Covid-19 test result to you or your child without delay.
- Ensuring that you keep to your child's drop-off and collection times which will not change in the new year.
- Following the one-way system around the drop off/collection area and maintaining social distance from other family groups.
- Keeping younger children with you whilst on site so they are not mixing with other family groups.

A particular problem that has caused concern for many parents is the issue of queuing outside the school gates. Can we please ask that everyone follows some common courtesy guidelines:

- When you arrive to drop off/collect your child do not queue jump - please do not join friends or family members further ahead in the queue as this causes issues with social distancing and is not fair to those people queueing behind.
- If you arrive as the school gates are opening, please ensure you join the queue rather than heading straight for the gates.
- Please ensure you join the correct queue for your child's year group and do not cross the line between the two queues as this restricts the opportunity for social distancing.
- Please ensure you are thinking of other families around you when queuing with regard to language used and smoking.

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To lessen the amount of people gathering outside the school gates during the drop off window, we are going to open the pedestrian gate to allow Key Stage 2 children to come onto the school site rather than lining up on the pavement outside the school. Children will walk round and will instead line up on the Key Stage 2 playground supervised by staff. The start times will remain as they are – Years 3 and 4 at 8.40am and Years 5 and 6 at 8.50am.

As you know, we are working incredibly hard this year to go paperless with our communication. I thank those parents who post screenshots of the letters received on social media. If you have not received this letter in an email personally, it is really important that you email the school with your most up to date email address so we can change it on our system so that you can receive our emails regarding all aspects of school life. I am aware that not all of our parents use social media so as a result, we also post all our communication on our school website under Parent Info and Letters to Parents.

The team here at Beanfield wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and I look forward to seeing all the children back in school on Tuesday 5th January.

Yours sincerely,

Samantha Eathorne
Principal

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