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Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Another week has nearly come to the end – I hope this finds you well. We keep receiving updates on many of the things you are doing at home which is great – please keep us up to date with any news you may have.



We keep watching and waiting for any further updates to the national guidance. We all appreciate just how challenging this has been and continues to be for everyone in our community. The virus has affected our children's education and continues to do so. Many children would rather be in school and parents would like to see them return as soon as possible. Our staff all wish for the same. If there are any changes to the situation we will of course keep everyone informed and updated.

There will be another Assembly available from 10.00am next Monday on the school website. – follow the link that will be on the home page.

Armed Forces Week

Armed Forces Week is next week but although there won't be a live event as such, the Local Authority still want to make sure that the work carried out by our Armed Forces Community – whether currently serving or part of our veteran community – is recognised. As a school with many military families we would like to support this. If any of the children would like to send in a picture saying thank you, or having #Saluteourforces written somewhere, then we can submit them on behalf of the school as there are plans to make a collection across the county. Please email them into closure@brampton.cambs.sch.uk by next Thursday.

Contact Details

It has become apparent that a number of contact details, phone numbers and email addresses, have changed recently. Please email the school office – office@brampton.cambs.sch.uk – as soon as possible with any changes so that we can continue to keep in contact with you.

Social Distancing

We are all aware of the measures in place in society to protect everyone as much as possible from the virus and in school this is no different where the health and wellbeing of children and staff is central to what we are doing. It is not possible to prevent all close human contact in a primary school setting, however, it is possible to limit and contain it. This is the thinking behind the 'bubble' process. Children are divided into small groups (bubbles) with at least two adults attached to each group; for the process to work it is essential that children restrict their close contact only to those pupils with whom they share a bubble. Children must remain in their bubble whilst on school premises: on arrival – hence the staggering of arrival and departure times - in lessons, during breaks (including lunch and going to the toilet) and when going home. The supervision required for each bubble means that more adults than usual need to attend each class and to remain with the children to whom they have been allocated throughout the school day. So, even though the number of children attending school is drastically reduced, our staffing is stretched to its limit.

Please can we also ask that parents bringing children to school maintain social distancing and keep your children with you at all times, leaving the premises as soon as possible.

Home-Learning

All staff are very aware that most children are having to rely on online provision for their lessons at the moment. No-one would pretend that this is an ideal or even desirable situation, but it has been forced upon us by the emergency. Earlier this week we sent home a letter regarding the school closing to children every Friday to allow staff time to make up packs of home-learning materials and also to have more contact with their classes. If you cannot access materials online and therefore need a pack of home learning materials please email closure@brampton.cambs.sch.uk. These will be put together by staff over the next few weeks but please only request them if needed as we have limited capacity in school.

Learning

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Bookings

Childcare bookings for the Key Worker groups (NHS frontline staff, those who work in Care Homes, those who work in the Police, Military and those who work in schools) will re-open from **7.30pm on Tuesday 23rd June for the following week, closing on Wednesday 24th June at 7.00pm**. Places remain very limited due to the availability of staff so please keep your child at home if you can. Please can we ask that all bookings are made through our online booking system <https://bramptonvillage.parentseveningsystem.co.uk> as this enables us to plan the staff rota and will ensure that we have the right support in place. Places are full for next week.

As we now have more children in school, there is a change in the risk of transmission within the school environment. We have therefore revised our risk assessment to include the Test and Trace procedures, in line with other schools across the county.

Please find details below of what to expect if there are possible or confirmed cases of coronavirus in our school. This information has been sent by the Local Authority.

- *Where there is a possible case of coronavirus in school*
If a child or member of staff develops symptoms of coronavirus, the individual concerned will be sent home and asked to self-isolate for 7 days. They will be asked to arrange a test to see if they have coronavirus at the earliest convenience and to share the results with the school.

The parents/carers of other children within that bubble will be notified that this has taken place, but will not name individuals, or provide any more detail than is necessary. It is likely that all other children within the bubble will be able to continue to attend school as normal whilst the test is carried out and the results are known.

The wider school community will not receive this letter.

- *Where there is a confirmed case of coronavirus in school*
If a child or member of staff tests positive for coronavirus, the individual concerned will be asked to self-isolate for at least 7 days from the date when their symptoms appeared. All other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days.

The school will then work with the Health Protection Team of Public Health England to carry out a risk assessment and to determine who else, if anyone, also needs to isolate.

The parents/carers of other children within that bubble will be notified that this has taken place, and will be advised on any steps which should be taken.

The wider school community will not receive this letter, unless it has an impact on them too.

Parent Survey

Earlier this week we sent out details of our annual parent survey. It can be accessed by clicking on the link below.
<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/IEYGX6/>.

The Brambles survey can be accessed by clicking on <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/50TPQ6/>.

Thank you to everyone who has completed them so far. Both surveys are open and will close at 1.00pm on **Monday 22nd June**.

On behalf of all staff, I would like to thank you all for your support as we continue to do all we can to ensure the wellbeing and safety of both staff and pupils. Please remember that we are here to support you and you can contact us on closure@brampton.cambs.sch.uk.

As always, take care and stay safe.



Mr Peter Allen
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