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Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to what should be the first Newsletter of the Summer Term. At least the weather is good and I hope you are able to enjoy some of the sunshine as part of your daily exercise. We have remained open and numbers in school have increased a little on previous weeks. There continues to be a lot of speculation about when and how schools may re-open but no decisions have yet been made.



Booking Child-Care at School

We remain open to provide care for those children of critical Key Workers and those who are vulnerable. Again I am grateful to all the staff who have been able to support the children and I also know that there are many staff who are having to stay home as well – we continue to wish them all the best. 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. Parents of children in Brambles will need to email closure@brampton.cambs.sch.uk to book a place.

Lower Beech

As you are aware Miss Wilkinson starts her maternity leave next Friday. Whilst we are closed Mrs Bell-Berry will be monitoring any email from the children and responding.

Middle Willow

We are delighted that Mrs Wood will be back from 4th May and will be working with Mrs Lane-Petter to support the children in Middle Willow.

Home Learning

The Local Authority recognises that home education rightly reflects a diversity of approaches and philosophies, ranging from a formal structured, time-tabled programme to a more informal, experiential approach to learning. Different approaches are relevant for the various age-groups but it is something that we are keeping under constant review as none of us know how long this situation will continue. Here are a few of the issues that have been raised:

- How should the children organise their time during the school closure?
There is flexibility for parents and children to organise their weekly schedule in the way that best suits your family. Some have maintained their regular school timetables, whilst others fit around parents' home working and looking after siblings.
- Could we use video conferencing?
Currently, we have decided not to use this facility for the following reasons:
 - Video conferencing works best for small numbers of participants, so everyone taking part has the opportunity to share their ideas. With large class sizes video conferencing could be a frustrating experience for children and cause them to feel discouraged.
 - Video conferencing requires a robust internet connection.
 - Video conferencing requires everyone to access at a shared time and this is not always possible for families who share computers for home working and home study.

Learning

Enjoying

Achieving

- How long should children spend on their school work?

We recognise that the experience of home learning is different to regular lessons, without discussion with the teacher and other children. Any timetables that are provided should be for guidance only as family circumstances will vary.

We have attached further resources to support parents and children at home. A supply of exercise books will be available from the main Reception area from 12.00pm on Monday.

If you need help logging into Starz please email closure@brampton.cambs.sch.uk .

Scam Emails

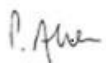
A new scam email is doing the rounds nationally claiming to be from the Department of Education or catering providers asking parents for their bank details in order to allow them to access Free School Meal vouchers. Please be aware of this and other scam emails currently circulating.

Finally, there is a short message on the website!

on http://www.brampton.cambs.sch.uk/website/general_information/457531

We are here to support you so please remember you can contact us on closure@brampton.cambs.sch.uk.

Take care and stay safe.



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