



Brampton Village Primary School

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Newsletter

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Headteacher's notes...

Our first full week at school has been full of activity as well as being exceptionally hot! We have welcomed all of our Reception children into school and they have settled in really well already. Next week we will be sending home the Curriculum Letters from each year group as well as a list of events for the term. We are hoping that they can all go ahead as planned but we will also make alternative arrangements if needed.

We have had a small number of confirmed Covid cases in school this week, amongst both staff and children. As a result, we are being cautious and are making changes to some of the things we are doing in order to limit mixing across the school even more. We want to ensure that the children get the best learning experience they can but we are also mindful about prioritising the health and welfare of everyone at this time. Further information the Track and Trace process is included further down.

Clubs

We are currently putting together a list of clubs that we would look to start in September/October and details will be sent home when they are available. Amy's Acro will start after half term in November. She is currently running another club for those who are interested which is called Twisters Gymnastics Club. This is based in Perry, near Grafham.

Foodbank Donations

Over the past year you have been very generous with donations for the local Foodbank. The PTA has now partnered with Diamond Hampers which is a very local charity supporting the most vulnerable in our village. They are currently working alongside the Parish Council and are also the referral point for the District and County Council. They rely heavily on donations and support from fundraising and successful grant bids. More details about how you can help will be shared soon.

Absence

Please can we remind you that if your child is unwell and is off school then we need to be informed each day. Please email pupilabsence@brampton.cambs.sch.uk.

Volunteers

We have always valued the support and help we have had from the many volunteers who have come into school. Unfortunately this had to be stopped last year but we are now looking to start welcoming people back into school from October. It will take a while to organise as will need to be completed checks again but if you are interested please email the school office and we will contact you when appropriate.

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Please keep your child at home if they are unwell or show signs of COVID. If someone in your house tests positive, please inform us immediately.

If a child becomes unwell or shows any symptoms of COVID-19 we will contact parents/carers immediately. We will then expect the process for booking a test to be followed. If there is a positive test then close contacts will be contacted by NHS Track and Trace.

Please continue to inform the school each day by phoning or emailing

pupilabsence@brampton.cambs.sch.uk .

Please use this address if your child becomes unwell and needs a test at a weekend.

As restrictions are lifting our process in managing positive cases of Covid-19 has changed. Below, you will find details of what to expect if Brambles or the school is notified of a possible or confirmed case of COVID-19.

Where there is a possible case of coronavirus:

If a child or member of staff develops symptoms of COVID-19, the individual concerned will be sent home. They will be asked to arrange a PCR test and to share the results with us.

Where there is a confirmed case of coronavirus:

If a child or member of staff tests positive for COVID-19, they will be asked not to attend the school for at least 10 full days from the day after their symptoms appeared or, if asymptomatic, the date that the PCR test was taken.

*Contact tracing will no longer be done by the school but by NHS Test and Trace. Our approach to isolation has changed as legally contacts who are double vaccinated * and under 18s are no longer required to self-isolate. They will however be advised to take a PCR test, and anyone who tests positive following the PCR test will still be legally required to self-isolate, even if they have been vaccinated. Children under five don't routinely test but may be requested to take a PCR test if they are a household contact and this will be informed by NHS Test and Trace. Unvaccinated close contacts aged 18 and over should self-isolate for 10 days from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms and should continue this period of isolation even if they too have been tested and have received a negative test result.*

** A double vaccinated person must have had their second vaccine at least two weeks prior to coming into contact with the positive case.*

What you can do

If your child develops any of the following symptoms, we would ask that you notify the school immediately and arrange a test by visiting <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by phoning 119.

- A high temperature – this means feeling hot to touch on the chest or back*
- A new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours*
- A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste*

If the child has been PCR tested because they were showing symptoms and the test has come back negative, they can return to school once they are well. If they still feel unwell after a negative test they should stay at home until they feel better. If the child has been sick, has had a high temperature or diarrhoea, they must not return for at least 48 hours after symptoms last showed.