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Newsletter

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Headteacher's notes...

It has been good to welcome the children back to school this week. I hope that everyone was able to have a good summer break and is ready for everything that lies ahead. Thank you for your support with uniform as the children all look very smart. Once again we have welcomed a number of new families and walking around the school yesterday it was clear to see the children already settled in and pleased to be back. It is an exciting time in school as we have all of our classrooms in use for the first time, more children on roll than ever before and we are starting to re-establish routines. We have also welcomed Mr Cattermole and Mrs Wallace to the staff.

We are returning to 'normal' as much as we can under the current guidance, but we are also maintaining some of the measures that were in place last year as covid is still very much with us. These include increased ventilation, regular handwashing, limiting large groups together indoors and a cleaner on-site during the school day. We do not require face coverings to be worn but you may choose to do so.

You should have received a parent guide yesterday which outlines the action to take for any suspected or confirmed cases. Please keep us informed as much as possible about any cases in your families so that we can all stay as safe as possible and take appropriate action. We continue to prioritise the safety of children and staff and we will follow all public health and Local Authority advice as necessary, constantly reviewing what we have in place. We will let you know as soon as possible if there are any changes to what we are doing in school.

As always this is our regular Newsletter which is sent out every Friday. We have an exciting term to look forward to and next week we will start to send some dates home for your diary which will also be available on the school website along with other information. Curriculum Letters will soon be sent home as well to let you know what your child is studying this term.

At the end of today's letter are some general reminders, including PE days for each year group. Please take time to read these through carefully.

One of our development priorities this year is the introduction of a new Behaviour Policy which is based upon Cambridgeshire STEPS. This is in use across many schools and supports our 6Rs. We will be sharing more details, including our revised Policy, in the next few weeks.

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r	E	flective	<i>thinking about how to get better at learning</i>
re	S	ilience	<i>sticking at something and ignoring distractions</i>
res	P	onsibility	<i>making good choices in behaviour and learning</i>
r	E	sourceful	<i>exploring different ways to get things done</i>
re	C	iprocity	<i>working with others, listening and helping</i>
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Communication

We value the strong partnership that we have with you as parents and carers and all the staff work hard to maintain good working relationships and treat everyone with courtesy and respect. There are, however, occasions when there may be concerns about something that has happened in school so please contact us

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as soon as possible so that we can address any issues. Contacting staff is best done through emailing the school office (office@brampton.cambs.sch.uk) or phoning 01480 375063 as any messages will be passed on. It is important that any concerns are raised in an appropriate manner treating the school staff with the same courtesy and respect that they will give to you.

We are aware of a number of Facebook pages that have been set up by different year groups to help communication. These are independent of the school and should not be used to raise concerns or post images of children or inappropriate comments.

Service Families

We are always pleased to welcome new Service families to our school. We recognise that there are often specific issues or concerns that need to be addressed and as part of this support we have a Transition Mentor, Mrs Powlson, who also works at the school as one of our Teaching Assistants. The money we receive from the Service Premium enables us to provide support for transition and emotional well-being. Parents are welcome to contact Mrs Powlson via email, cpowlson@brampton.cambs.sch.uk. It is always useful to know when parents may be deployed or away from home for extended periods so that children can be supported.

Parking

Last year a small number of parents were permitted to use the school car parks for exceptional circumstances before and after school. Due to increasing staff numbers spaces are now extremely limited and therefore a signed permit is required. All requests must be put in writing to Mr Allen please.

PTA News

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 this 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.

General Reminders: Please take time to read these carefully.

Cleaning and Hygiene	<p>We will maintain hygiene control measures which include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cleaning hands thoroughly and regularly. - Ensuring good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach. - Maintaining enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces, throughout the day. - Ensuring spaces are well ventilated. - If any child shows symptoms we will contact parents immediately.
Uniform	<p>The children should wear their PE kits to school on PE days and on all other days are to wear school uniform Please be prepared for all weathers.</p> <p>PE days are:</p> <p>Year 1 Wednesday and Friday</p> <p>Year 2 Monday and Wednesday</p> <p>Year 3 Tuesday and Wednesday</p> <p>Year 4 Tuesday and Thursday</p> <p>Year 5 Monday and Thursday</p> <p>Year 6 Thursday and Friday</p> <p>Children should wear appropriate shoes, no jewellery, except for watches and stud earrings or make-up or accessories</p> <p>PE kits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • white round-necked T-shirt (football tops must not be worn) • blue/black shorts • for outdoors school sweatshirts (no hoodies) and dark blue/black jogging trousers should be worn • pierced earrings must be removed for PE and long hair must be tied back for PE and games <p>Uniform:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sweatshirts – navy (with or without logo) • Polo shirts - white or navy • Trousers / shorts - grey, black or navy (trousers may be worn by boys and girls but no leggings) • Skirts / pinafores - grey, black or navy • Socks / tights - white, grey or black • Summer Dress - navy and white checked, or striped, summer dresses • Footwear should be sensible - black, flat shoes (high heels, boots or boot style trainers are not permitted) <p>Please remember:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All clothes should be clearly labelled with your child's name.
Lunches	<p>We are offering a full hot menu and the children will eat in the KS2 Dining Hall. They can also bring in packed lunches. Lunches should be ordered in advance if possible through SIMS Pay.</p>
Equipment	<p>The school will continue to provide all the equipment, pencils, pens, etc that the children will need so please do not send anything in from home.</p> <p>The children will need their book bags in school as reading books can go home.</p>

Classrooms	In Reception and Y1 the children will have access to continuous provision. Tables will be grouped or in rows as appropriate for the learning taking place.																		
Playtimes and Lunchtimes	These will take place as usual.																		
Parents/Carers	Parents and carers must not come into school unless it has been arranged. All enquiries should go through the school office, ideally by email. office@brampton.cambs.sch.uk .																		
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Clubs	Information about clubs will be sent home when available.																		
Attendance	<p>We will continue to work with families regarding any attendance concerns and please talk to us if you have questions. The usual rules on school attendance apply, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parents' duty to secure that their child attends regularly at school. - Schools' responsibilities to record attendance and follow up absence. - The availability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices in line with local authorities' codes of conduct. This will be reviewed regularly by Governors. 																		
Lost Property	We do not store lost property so please make sure that all belongings are named so that they can be returned to their owner. Items that do not have any name will only be kept for a very short period before being passed onto the PTA or disposed of.																		
Parking	<p>The car parks are for members of staff and not to be used for dropping off or collecting children unless permission has been given. Please do not walk or cycle through the car parks when dropping off/collecting children.</p> <p>Please park with consideration for the children, other road users and local residents. Parking remains an issue but we need everyone to be patient and to be prepared to walk a little further. We encourage biking, scootering and walking to school. Bikes and scooters must not be ridden on the premises.</p>																		
Dogs	Dogs must not be brought onto the premises unless prior permission has been sought.																		
Snacks	<p>We have a number of children in school with nut allergies. Please avoid sending nuts into school as a snack in their packed lunches.</p> <p>Children in Key Stage 2 can bring in something healthy to have for a morning snack, for example, a piece of fresh or dried fruit or vegetables.</p>																		
Contact Details	Please remember to let the school know of any changes in contact details as soon as possible. They are updated on our system as soon as we receive them and it is important in case we have to contact you in an emergency.																		
Sickness/Diarrhoea	Children must be kept off school for 48 hours after the last episode of sickness or diarrhoea. We do enforce this policy in order to keep everyone as healthy as possible.																		
Water Bottles	The children should bring a named water bottle to school each day, containing still water only and not juice or flavoured water please.																		

Absence	Please contact the school office by either telephone (01480 375063) or email (pupilabsence@brampton.cambs.sch.uk) before 9.15am on each day of your child's absence.
Collecting Children	Please can Reception and Key Stage 1 parents/carers stand back from the doors at the end of the day so that the teachers can see you more easily and ensure that the children are safe.

Thank you for your support and co-operation.

