

Bishop Road Primary School

Bishop Road, Bristol BS7 8LS



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Deputy Head Teacher: Joe Emissah

Wednesday 21st October 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

Update Letter

As we approach the end of term, we are all reflecting on this period of significant transition. We are tremendously pleased to have returned to full time schooling so swiftly and with the vast majority of children making a positive and rapid start to their new year groups. Thank you for joining your child's teacher in the recent parents' evening appointments. We have received positive feedback from parents and staff alike about how this was organised and completed. We know the benefit to each child of a strong home-school link and appreciate your patience in managing with the reduced number of ad hoc communications due to the drop off and collection arrangements this year.

Hot school meals

Having spent time working with the caterers this term, we have been able to resolve the challenges in providing hot meals in the classrooms. As a result, we will be resuming hot meals from Monday 9th November. Only if you want to change your child's meal pattern, **complete this form** by **3 pm Friday 23rd October**. No changes will be made after this date.

- [School meals form](#)

Reminders

The closing date to apply for a Year 7 school place for September 2021 is fast approaching, falling this year in the school holidays, on Saturday 31st October 2020. Please remember to make an application to the local authority where you live by the 31st October 2020.

Applications received at the beginning of Term 2, after the closing date, will not be processed in the initial round of allocations.

Please take care to park legally if arriving by car avoiding the yellow lines and not blocking the residents driveways on Cambridge Road. Please ensure the safety of children at this time of day as well as supporting our relationship with neighbouring residents. We strongly encourage everyone in our community to walk to school or park at a distance and walk in to reduce congestion in the local streets.



Minimising transmission

We would ask that all people on site make sure they are strictly observing social distancing at busy times of the day, in particular at the entrance and exit gates where there is greater potential for face to face contact. An increased number of people in our community are choosing to wear face coverings, particularly at drop off and collection times. Government guidance has been revised to take into consideration the implementation of the 'three tier approach' to local restrictions. At this time, all schools in our area are at a 'medium' COVID alert level and there is no specific government advice to wear face coverings.

School approach to face coverings:

- No-one is required to wear face coverings on the school premises.
- No-one is prohibited from wearing face coverings on the school premises.
- Everyone is expected to respect the choices made by others, and no-one will be discriminated against for wearing or not wearing a face covering.
- Everyone is to be made aware of the [government advice](#) on face coverings and safe use.

Thank you for your support and encouragement.

Yours sincerely,

Joe Emissah
Deputy Head Teacher

