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Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

### Update Letter

This week, the new Reception children have begun their first visits to school to meet their new teachers for September as part of our induction arrangements. This is the start of a significant chapter for the children and families alike I am sure you will make them feel most welcome in the coming weeks and months.

#### **Covid update**

You will no doubt be aware that the increase in Covid cases combined with the requirement to send children home to isolate for 10 days is having an impact on families and schools both locally and nationally. This week, we have seen an increase in confirmed Covid cases in school with class closures and staff absences. As we prepare for children to meet their new teachers a week today, we wanted to reassure families that all transition meetings have been organised to take place outside in the playgrounds and with no sharing of resources in order to limit the potential for transmission. If classes or teachers are isolating on the transfer day, we will organise an alternative session and the teacher will record a welcome message to be shared on Friday so that all children find out about their new teacher on the same day.

The school photographer will be in school Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July to take class photographs. We have been able to secure a last minute reserve session on the afternoon of Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July which we hope will be sufficient to accommodate any classes that miss the photographer next week due to class isolation.

A further reminder that all communication relating to Covid cases and absences must be sent to [info@bishoproadschool.co.uk](mailto:info@bishoproadschool.co.uk) and not the year group email addresses.



## Changes to PE kit uniform from September

Thank you to those parents/carers who shared feedback on the proposed PE kit change as well as the possible introduction of a logo/ branded item in future academic years. There were a range of views that we read and considered carefully in reaching our decision. The benefits of a plain (non- bespoke) uniform along with the freedom for parents to choose where they purchase this will be taken forward into our revised uniform policy from September. The introduction of a branded t-shirt will be explored as a non-compulsory item for future academic years.

From September 2021, the following non-bespoke and widely available items **will be compulsory for PE lessons**:

- Plain white t-shirt
- Black shorts, tracksuit bottoms, sports leggings or jogging bottoms.
- Trainers appropriate for physical activity
- Plain black or navy blue jumper and/or a coat for cold/wet weather.

A further reminder that when we return after the summer holidays in September, there will be a focus on children wearing the correct school uniform, in particular non-knitwear items. Parents/carers should ensure they are familiar with the [school uniform policy](#) when making any new purchases between now and September.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Joe Emissah  
Deputy Head Teacher

