

Headteacher message

A warm welcome back to you all. Firstly, I would like to thank you, our parents and carers, for the tremendous and unwavering support you have given us this week. As a result of our partnership, the children have been arriving to school with a spring in their step and ready to learn. The resilience our children have shown is a credit to the work that you have been doing with them during lockdown.

You are absolutely fabulous!

Please continue to share any concerns or ideas you have with us. We are all on a journey and this is new for us all. We do listen and will give careful consideration to any concerns or ideas you share.

Recovery Curriculum

This week our children have had a less formal timetable. We have allowed time for the children to reconnect with their friends, become accustomed to our new routines as well as to talk about and reflect on their experiences over the last few months. The children have appreciated this approach and this will continue, slowly building to our formal timetable over the next two weeks. Teachers are using this time to assess the children to identify gaps in their learning to support their forward planning.

Welcome to new members of our school community

We have a number of new families joining our school. I am sure that some of you have already reached out and given our new members a very warm welcome.

In addition to our new families we also welcomed new staff members:

Mrs Ashley—Assistant Headteacher

Ms Royer—year 6 class teacher

Ms Hall— year 5 class teacher

Mr Srilangarajah - year 5 Teaching Assistant

Ms Choudhury—year 3 Teaching Assistant

Ms Mustapha— Year 2 Teaching Assistant

Ms Akyol—Year 1 teaching Assistant

I hope that you all enjoy your time here at Bond Primary School. This is a great school!



Useful links and guidance

What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges in the autumn term

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

Stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

Drop off and collection routines

Our beginning and end of day routines are now embedded and again this is thanks to you. Please allow additional time to ensure your child washes their hands at the handwashing stations in the playgrounds as soon as they come on site. We have staff on duty in the playground in the morning to supervise children to allow you to leave the premises as quickly as possible.

We have put in place arrangements for parents/carers who have more than one child starting at 8:30 and 9:00; this is working well. A reminder that where this provision is being used by parents /carers, that collection of their children will be at 3:30pm from the year 1 classroom.

At the beginning and end of the day, please do not wait on the school field or allow your children to play on the field whilst you are waiting to drop off or collect your child. We have lessons taking place outside and equipment placed in allocated areas for our bubbles that must not be touched.

If you are unable to collect your child for any reason and will be sending someone else to collect your child, please inform the office as soon as possible. Please refrain from contacting the office 5-10 minutes before the end of the day as this is a busy time for the office staff and delivering this message to the class teacher may be delayed. We will not release a child to an adult at the end of the day unless we are made aware. If an unknown adult comes to collect your child, we will contact you first before letting your child leave.

Breakfast and after school clubs

We are trying our very best to minimise the mixing of children across year groups wherever possible. As such it is really important that you let the office know as soon as possible if you require this service so that we are able to close these bubbles. If you do need this service please let us know by Friday 18th September.

PE Days



Monday	Year 1 Year 2
Tuesday	Year 6
Wednesday	Year 4 Year 3
Thursday	Year 5 Lotus (year 4)
Friday	Reception

Children should come to school in their PE kits on their PE days. PE kit: Dark blue/black jogging bottoms/shorts, white polo shirt, trainers, and school jumper.

Children must not wear jewellery on their PE days (small studs can be worn), If earrings cannot be removed, please place plaster over the earring.

PE is an important subject supporting children's physical and mental well being. All children must take part in PE lessons and it is your responsibility to ensure that your child has a full PE kit.

Attendance

Year 1	91.1%
Year 2	97.3%
Year 3	97.4%
Year 4	93.7%
Year 5	92.8%
Year 6	99.6%

Our target is 96%

The vast majority of our children have been arriving to school on time. Arriving to school late is disruptive to learning and does not support the protective measures we have put in place for everyone. Please ensure your child arrives to school on time.

Key Dates for diary

16/9/2020—	National Teaching Assistants Day
21/9/2020—	International Day of Peace
25/9/2020 -	National Fitness Day
23/10/2020—	Last day of half term

Books



Reminder— children will take reading books home on

Thursday and return them to school on Tuesday.

Please return any library books you might have at home.

Uniform

School uniforms must be clearly labelled so lost items can be returned to their rightful owners. Identifying lost items of uniform is time consuming but is much easier if names can be clearly seen.

Children will not be able to use drinking fountains outside. **All children must bring a clearly labelled water bottle to school daily.**

Office

Please email or phone the school office with any queries you might have. We are minimising the number of visitors to our office and would appreciate your support. The admin team will be able to deal with most queries via email or phone however if they feel that a visit to the office is required, they will arrange a time with you.

School Lunches

A huge thank you to our onsite catering team (half of the team shown in the picture below). They have worked hard to ensure that the revised menu is up and running for our children and have been proactive in seeking solutions to assist us in having smooth running lunchtimes.



The revised menu is on our website. Hot meals are served on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Children have a choice of sandwiches/wraps on a daily basis. We are hoping to have an online system up and running to allow you to choose your child's meals options for the week. We will let you know as soon as this becomes available.

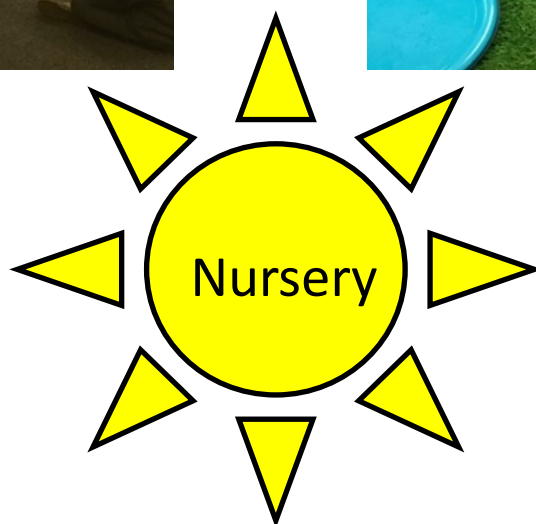
Years 5 and 6 Walking Home Alone

Please request a walking home alone permission form from the office if you would like your child to walk home by themselves. If this is your choice, it is important that you discuss with how to keep themselves safe and the need for them to maintain social distancing. Years 5 and 6 children will not be allowed to take home younger siblings. We believe that the safest arrangement is for a child to be collected by a responsible person aged 16 or above.

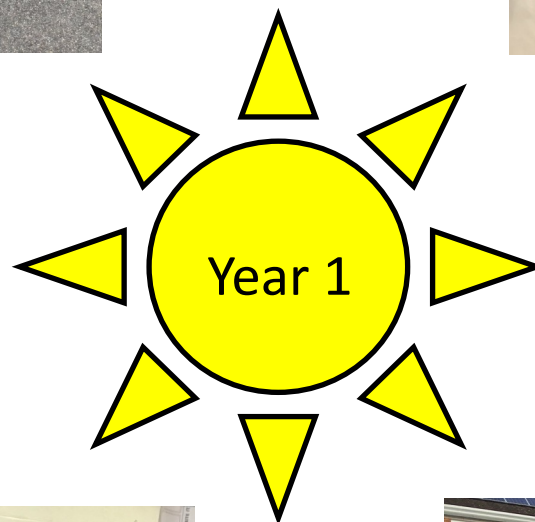
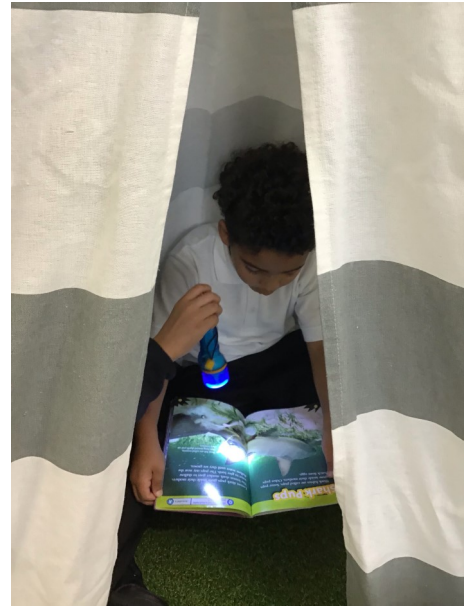
The following link provides some key points for you to consider before making the decision to allow your child to be out and about by themselves.

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/research-resources/>

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