



Bryn St Peter's of E Primary School February 2021 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers

Following the announcement that we will not be returning to fully opened schools before the 8th March, I wanted to get in touch to help things run as smoothly as possible until then. School will remain open for critical worker's children and vulnerable children in the meantime. Many of you have been asking what that means.

Vulnerable children include:

- Children known to Social Care
- Pupils with Education and Health Care Plans
- Children in receipt of Early Years Targeted Individual Support (TIS)
- And those individuals who we have identified as being particularly in need - children who are recently bereaved, struggling with recent family challenges.

Of course, much of this is private and confidential, so we would not consider discussing any individual cases with another parent, but I ask you to consider that we are taking care of our school community in the best way that we can, and trying to identify which families need most help.

We would love to have all the children back in school, as soon as possible. We know that they miss their friends and teachers and are looking forward to the time when we are all back.

We have been as fair as we can be in offering places, based on the information we have been given, and following the guidelines given to us by the government. We can only go on the honesty of our families. Several calls have come in this week to tell us that some people are at home and could be home schooling their children, and minimising contact in school. If you do not work every day, you do not need to send your child in every day.

To those with children who are currently in school:

We are happy to have your children in school, to support you whilst you are working, but ask that you support us in our endeavours at school in return.

- In order to keep the other children in school and our staff safe we asked you to adhere to the law and do not mix households. Your children are honest and usually tell us where they have been and what they have been doing. If we discover you have been mixing, we will have no alternative but to withdraw your place.
- If you are in school for part of the week please complete your child's work at home with them. If you do not do this, they will have missed vital steps and are lost when they return, and it means that the staff have to support them to catch up, which takes time away from the

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other children in class and those at home.

- If you do not work every day, your child does not need to attend every day. This will reduce contact, and keep everyone safer.
- Drop off and collection time remains the same to ensure as few people have contact on the playground as possible:

	Drop off	Pick up
Y2 and Y6	8:45	3:10
Rec and Y5	8:50	3:15
Y1 and Y3	8:55	3:20
Y4	9:00	3:25

- Again please do not use Cooke Street to park, as children and parents are entering the school here and reversing cars causes a danger to them.
- Please treat our staff with respect. We, like you, are doing the best we can.

We understand that many of you have undergone a change in circumstances. If you feel that your child may be eligible for free school meals, please complete the application form on Spider and we will check for you.

It is a difficult time for everyone at the moment. During the last lockdown we had the warmth of Spring and Summer and could enjoy the outdoors. Many people are trying to juggle and, of course we are missing our friends and family. It can be very frustrating. It is so important to remember we are all facing challenges and we need to continue to support each other the best we can. If we can help we will - just ask!

Finally, there are no words that can begin to capture the magnitude of their loss, but I hope you can hold two of our families in school in your hearts and prayers. Both lost a beloved parent in January: The Williams Family, who said goodbye to dad, Dave and the Dunn family to Mum, Michelle. Our thoughts are with you.

Please be kind to yourselves and to others.

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