

Weekly News

We are so pleased to have our children back in school at last! Our new Kittens have settled in beautifully and the rest of the school have adapted very well to being back, including all the new arrangements we have in place to keep everyone safe. We are very proud of them all! It is fantastic to have our Kedington family, including all our parents, back together again and a very warm welcome to our new families too!

Weekly Wows

Our new Kittens have settled in brilliantly and are really enjoying all their new activities.



We are sure that our new Year 6 children are going to prove to be exceptional role models for the rest of the school. They are already working incredibly hard. Here they are learning about Windrush and the historic links between the UK and the Caribbean in history.



Year 1 have had their first Forest School session this week in our wildlife area! This is an exciting addition to the curriculum for our youngest children. This week, they learnt the rules they will need to follow in their sessions, as written on these pieces of wood.



Drop Off and Pick Up

Thank all for your patience and support with the new staggered start times. We are still all getting used to them (I am still mortified that I was late opening the gate on Friday), generally they are working very well.



I have a few requests that will help things run even more safely and smoothly:

Please use the whole 10 minute window when dropping children off and collecting them.

Where parents do this, it works very well and reduces congestion, allowing for easier social distancing. In the mornings, Year 1 and 2 are staggering their arrival time really well, but many of the Year 3 and 4, and Year 5 and 6 children are already waiting at the gate when it is their allotted time, making the area crowded and causing congestion when they go into school.

Wait outside the gate until your class's allotted time. If you have children in more than one class, try to time it so you drop the younger child off at the end of their 10 minute slot and the next child at the beginning of theirs. If you have a child in Year 1 or 2 and one in Year 5, you will need to come out of the school gates to wait for a short time.

Children must not play on the climbing equipment after school. We have a separate risk assessment in place for this to ensure it is Covid-safe and it is limited to one bubble each week.

IMPORTANT - PLEASE READ

You will have seen the letter I sent out earlier this week on the advice of the Track and Trace service. In this letter, it stated that if there were a suspected case of Covid-19 in any bubble, the parents of other children in that bubble would be informed.

This was discussed at the Trust headteachers' meeting I attended online this morning. As we suspected would be the case, schools are finding there are cases of children with a cough or a fever on a daily basis, as is always the case at this time of year. It was therefore agreed that it was neither manageable nor helpful to inform parents every time a child or member of staff in a bubble has symptoms. We will therefore **not** be informing you of suspected cases. We will of course inform parents of any confirmed positive cases and take appropriate action if this is the case.

Data Collection Sheets

We will be sending home today blank Data Collection sheets to every pupil. It would be appreciated if these could be completed and returned with any **changes that we need to be aware of** (i.e. telephone numbers, address, contacts, medical conditions etc) to enable us to have accurate information on our records. Thank you.

Individual Photographs

Individual photographs will be taking place on Thursday morning in the school hall. Please be assured that Braiswick Photography will be following all COVID-19 safe working practices as follows:

Photographers are supplied with and will use;

3 ply face masks, surgical gloves and hand sanitizer

They will be working at a distance of 7ft from pupils and it will be the responsibility of children and parents for uniform and hair, (tidy & straight collars etc).

All staff are updated and trained regularly on the latest government Covid-19 best practices.