



Beulah Infant and Nursery School

Tuesday 15th September 2020



Welcome back –it has been lovely to see all of our children return after the long and difficult times that we have all been experiencing! The children have really enjoyed reconnecting with their learning and they have been particularly thrilled to see all of their teachers and friends or make new ones if they have just started at Beulah. I would like to say a BIG thank -you to everyone for their support and co-operation with following the new procedures at school, even though we may find them very different! I know that parents and carers have found it particularly difficult not coming into the school grounds for the morning drop off but the children have overcome the challenge and happily settle into their learning each day. I am also grateful to everyone for taking care to keep their distance and use the designated areas for each year group when waiting to collect the children at home time -this has helped us to reinforce our year group 'bubbles'. Initially, we had a few problems with the year one collections but I feel that this is now running smoothly. I have included a table on the reverse of this letter which will answer some of the coronavirus questions/concerns. However, please remember our children have not been mixing with other children for a long time and the normal colds and bugs will be around but, where possible, the children should still attend school! I am aware that more challenges will arise and we will always welcome any suggestions that you may have to further improve safety at Beulah. Below are some things that you can do to help us move forward:

- Travel to school on foot and **avoid public transport** where possible
 - Once your child comes through the gate in the morning please **avoid lingering outside** as this blocks the entrance for the children and makes social distancing very difficult
 - Remember to **wear your face mask at all times** whilst on the school premises (Unless exempt)
 - **Keep to the left** when walking in and out of the school—follow the painted footsteps
 - After collecting your child please **leave the site as quickly as possible**
 - Call the office if you wish to talk to your class teacher and they will call you back
 - Please contact the office or email for all enquiries as the office is currently closed for visitors
- email binfadmin@pegasusacademytrust.org Phone 020 8653 4918**

Jeans for Genes: On Friday 18th September, we will be supporting the charity event 'Jeans for Genes'. This is a national event that encourages adults and children to wear their jeans to work or school for a small donation of £1. The money goes to support the charity in its valuable work supporting children with genetic disorders.



Health & Safety and Medicines: If your child has regular medication in school please check with the office that this is still in-date. If your child is new to the school or has recently been prescribed medication that needs to be administered / kept in school please bring it to the office. We will also need any relevant paperwork and care plans so that we can update our records to ensure that our staff are aware of your child's medical needs.

A plea: September is a time for new school beginnings but for the office staff in our schools it also brings one gigantic task. At the start of October we must complete the school census on which our funding for the next school year is based. In a time where money in schools is as tight as it is at the moment it is crucial that we receive all the funding that we are entitled to and that's where we need your help.

If you are currently entitled to any benefits or have ever been in the past a check of your National Insurance (NI) number will let us know if we can claim more funding.

If you speak another language at home we need this information. We are funded additional amounts for the number of children who speak different languages at our schools.

If your child came to us from another school or nursery and they had help there for any kind of special educational need (SEN) then we need this information.

Each one of these pieces of information means more money for the school which will be spent on your children. Please help us by supporting school staff as they seek to claim every penny that we are entitled to. We have one month to get this right and we value your support. Please also let the office staff know if your contact details have changed—especially your address and phone numbers,

Macmillan Coffee Morning: We will be unable to do our normal fundraising coffee morning this year but we would like to support this important charity by holding a cake raffle. If you would like to send a £1 donation into the school your child's name will be entered into the draw which will take place on Friday 25th September.

Applications for admissions to reception in Sept 2021

Do you or anyone you know have a child born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017. Then you must apply asap for a reception place.

Applications for admissions to the juniors in Sept 2021

If your child is currently in year 2 you must apply asap for a junior place.

Contact- www.croydon.gov.uk/admissions

School Council Elections: School council elections will be taking place this term. Every child will be offered the opportunity to stand for election as their class representative. Children that want to stand are encouraged to plan and deliver their own mini campaigns. We will explore ideas with the children in school but we also ask parents/carers to support their children at home.

Coronavirus questions/concerns table

	<i>What to do if...</i>	<i>Action needed</i>	<i>Return to school when..</i>
1	...my child has coronavirus symptoms	Do not come to school Keep any siblings at home Contact school daily Self-isolate Get a test * Inform school immediately about the test result	... the test comes back negative
2	...my child tests positive for coronavirus	Do not come to school Contact school daily Self-isolate for at least 10 days Inform school immediately about the test result	... they feel better. They can return to school after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of smell/taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection has gone
3	...someone in my household has coronavirus symptoms	Do not come to school Contact school daily Self-isolate for 14 days Household member to get a test* Inform school immediately about test result	...the household member test is negative
4	...someone in my household has tested positive for coronavirus	Do not come to school Contact school daily Self-isolate for 14 days	...the child has completed 14 days of self-isolation
5	...NHS Test and Trace have identified my child as a 'close contact' of somebody with coronavirus	Do not come to school Contact school daily Self-isolate for 14 days	...the child has completed 14 days of self-isolation
6	...we/my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine	Do not take unauthorised leave in term time Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel Provide information to school as per attendance policy <u>Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed:</u> Do not come to school Contact school daily Self-isolate for 14 days	...the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed
7	...we have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding	Do not come to school Contact the Head of School Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again	...school inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again

To get a test www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19

All year groups should have received their year group termly newsletter containing important curriculum information and relevant diary dates (The nursery newsletter will be sent out on Friday after all of the children have started in school).

Once again, thank you all for your support so far in the reopening of our school as we adjust to the new 'normal'.

Debbie Butler—Head of School
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