



Benson News



Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to all our parents who have been letting us know if they can send children back to school in the next few weeks. Unfortunately, we have decided that we must prioritise key workers and vulnerable children this side of the summer holidays. The numbers of pupils in these categories is increasing. If you fall into these categories please let school know if you require a school place. If you want a place please let us know so we can see if we have space. We are making plans to open more widely from September but we will have strict measures in place to ensure that school can remain as safe as possible. You will be asked to sign a home school agreement in which expectations for new ways of working together. We are also not yet sure how many children at any time can return so a flexible approach may be necessary. It is vitally important that we all work closely as a community to ensure each others safety and we all need to have confidence in each other at this difficult time.

Mrs Dennis

HOME/SCHOOL AGREEMENT

We have a new home school agreement that sets out expectations for parents children and staff so we all know we support each other during this difficult time. You will be asked to agree to this new agreement before your child returns to school. A copy is on the back of this newsletter.

Free School Meal Vouchers

School will now be emailing vouchers out to families who are eligible so please look out in your mail box. You will be able to choose which super-market to shop in once you receive

Communication

Did you know that we have been in school everyday reaching out to all our families?

We have contacted the vast majority of our families and have been able to support over 470 children over the phone. We have made **over 2200** telephone calls by early June and enjoyed talking to you and the children of Benson.

Secondary School

If you need help because your Year 6 child does not have a secondary school place still give us a call and we can give advice on what you need to do next.

EMAIL ADDRESSES

It is of utmost importance that school has an email address for you so that we can contact you. We have spent hundreds of pounds on post over the last 3 months and this is unsustainable. Please help us save time and money!



Let's talk Makaton

Sign of the Week!

People



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Benson Community School Home School Agreement for Covid-19

This agreement is between Benson Community School and the parents of:

Child: _____ Class: _____

We are looking forward to welcoming your child back to school. In response to the Covid-19 pandemic, we have changed many things in school to ensure the safety of the children and the teachers. We are asking that all parents agree to the following rules.

During the return to school, you must ensure that:

Your child follows the new school rules at all times, including all rules related to physical distancing and movement around school – our current behaviour policy applies

Your child is brought to school and collected at the correct time every day – if you miss your allocated time slot this may result in your child being refused access to school or may be asked to return at a time that is suitable and safe for the school

You adhere to social distancing when dropping off and picking up your child – only one adult can bring and collect your child

You only come into school for a prearranged appointment via phone or email to the office

You give the office your up to date telephone number and answer it when we call you

You have provided an email to the office

You inform school immediately of any changes to emergency contact details

Your child wears their own clean clothes daily and these must be changed/washed each day – wear comfortable clothes such as a PE kit. No open toed shoes allowed and no laces if your child needs help with them

Your child brings only a coat or jacket and a sun hat with them - no bags permitted

You send your child with a packed lunch in a disposable bag and a filled water bottle (in school water fountains will not be in use)

If your child is suffering from any symptoms of illness, you must keep them at home and phone the school office to let us know - follow all relevant government guidance including taking a test as soon as possible

If anyone in your household has symptoms of Covid-19 that your child will stay at home for 14 days or until test results arrive

You will always work in collaboration with the school to ensure the safety of all children, school staff and the school community

If you do not follow these guidelines in full, the safety of others may be put at risk and our behaviour policy sanctions will apply.

Signed _____ Parent _____ Date _____

Contact no 1: _____ Name: _____

Contact no 2: _____ Name: _____

Email address: _____

Head Teacher: Mrs Dennis



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