

11th September 2020



Challenge, Equality & Opportunity

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school! It has been wonderful to have the school family back together and although things aren't quite as they were before, the warm and happy ethos of the school remains unchanged. The children have shown us again how resilient and independent they can be and they have adjusted to the new year very well indeed. Your support with the staggered dropping off and picking up has been excellent, and very much appreciated.

Reception New Starters

The children in Red and Blue Class started on Tuesday with a visit and have since been attending for half a day. Some of them had never been to Broadway East previously and none of them had had the chance to meet the staff in person or to explore the classrooms. However, they have all made a brilliant start and have come into school independently every day, saying goodbye to their parents and carers at the door. We are loving getting to know them and seeing them making new friends and beginning their learning so well. Parents and carers, you should be very proud of them indeed!

New Routines in School

A huge thank you to our children in all year groups for such a great start. They have adapted very quickly to new routines and procedures in school. They are all expert hand-washers and know exactly how to keep themselves and everyone safe!



After School and Morning Clubs

Currently, we are able to offer art club only. This is because of our limited space and the need to keep children within their bubbles. Rhonda Crosby has already contacted you if you have a child in Class 4 or Class 7. Her intention is to give every class an opportunity to attend for a term, starting with Classes 4 and 7 this term. She will run the club in line with our own risk assessment and make it as safe as possible. As soon as the guidance changes, and as soon as we are able to use the hall, we will begin to reschedule other clubs.

Accessing the Site

Please only use the Broadway East gate from the carpark, not the St Oswald's entrance, when coming onto site. We have asked St Oswald's School to remind their families to avoid using our gate too. We have also asked Mr Stout to remind the GEMS pupils that they shouldn't be using our internal road at home time and in the

mornings. GEMS older siblings are still allowed to come to Broadway if they are responsible for picking up younger siblings. Thank you for your support.

PE Kits

Thank you for supporting us with the new routines around PE kits. As a reminder, children do not need to bring kits into school but should come dressed in their PE kits on the relevant days (see Class Teacher Newsletters). This does not have to be uniform and shorts can be worn underneath joggers if it is a warm day.

COVID-19 Related Absences (Attached)

I have attached a document which clarifies the necessary action to take in different scenarios such as having symptoms or being contacted by Test and Trace. The information is accurate at the current time, if there are any changes, we will update it. If you are in doubt about symptoms or what you need to do, please ring us and we will advise you or will point you in the right direction for advice.

Parent and Carer Evenings

We are currently planning these for the weeks beginning 28th September and 5th October for Years 1-4 (Classes 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7). The appointments will be after school and will be by telephone. Reception parents and carers will have face to face meetings and these will happen in the same week, during the day and after school in an outdoor area. We will contact you again with more information and appointment details next week. It would be preferable for us to hold all meetings in person but it is not feasible to do this safely for the whole school. Thank you for your support with this.

'Catch up' and Well-Being

We have allocated more TA time than usual to Classes to support children with some extra support where needed and teachers are assessing where children have 'gaps' in their knowledge or have lost confidence and need some extra support to get back on track. Teachers have adjusted the curriculum where necessary and we are ensuring that children have readiness for the new year's objectives before they are taught. Your child's teacher will be able to talk to you about individual targets and what we can do to support progress, as well as sharing the successes of the new year too. Already, there has been a very positive start to learning and children are very settled and happy in school. Please remember that you can contact teachers at any time via the school office if you have any concerns or need to share information.

School Calendar

We don't have as many events as usual to share yet, but we will keep the school calendar up to date on the website and will continue to keep you up to date through newsletters.

Thank you again for supporting us to have such a successful start to the new academic year. It has been extremely positive, happy and productive. Long may it last! I hope that you all have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Helen McKenna
Headteacher

