



# BORINGDON NEWS

*We take pride in everything we do.*

02/AUT1/2020  
2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents,

A reminder that term starts tomorrow. I am sure that the children will quickly settle into their new classes and will adapt well to the new environment, routines and expectations. We have produced a risk management plan to ensure that all eventualities are covered. I am extremely confident that if we all work in partnership, we will have a successful restart to the academic year. Please can you read the information contained in the COVID booklet we have produced for parents. Please be reassured that staff will be around to assist you and the children when you arrive and leave the school site.

## STAGGERED START AND END TIMES FOR SEPTEMBER 2020

To reduce congestion at the front and back gate, we will be introducing a temporary staggered start and end time. We have kept the times close, so as to minimise the impact on parents of children in different year groups. A reminder that we have no jurisdiction outside the front and back gates, and therefore we urge parents to consider carefully the way they drop off and pick-up, ensuring social distancing is maintained wherever possible. We will monitor the situation carefully and make adjustments where deemed necessary.

YEAR GROUPS	ENTER THE SITE	PARENTS Allowed on-site	REGISTRATION	HOME TIME
Y5 & 6	8:40am	No	8:50-9am	3:10pm
Y3 & 4	8:45am	No	8:55-9:05am	3:15pm
REC/Y1 & Y2	8:55am	Yes	9:05-9:15am	3:20pm

Staff will be at the front and back gates to assist with the drop off and pick-up of the children. Reception parents will use the front car park, Year 1 parents will wait on the Key Stage 1 playground and Year 2 parents will congregate on the KS2 playground.

## NEW STAFF

Welcome to Mrs Helen Connett who started with us this week. Mrs Connett is the new SENCO and will be based in the Lodge on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. She is an experienced SENCO and the school is very fortunate to have her.

Welcome also to Miss Beth Phillips, who will be teaching in 4PE on Thursdays and Fridays.

Also, we have two Teaching Assistants (SEND): Mrs Sara McManus and Miss Lakeishia Pennington.

We wish them all a warm welcome to Boringdon and we are confident that they will all be a great addition to the Boringdon team.

## THE NEWSLETTER

In order to keep you as well informed as possible, newsletters are normally produced every Friday. However, to keep parents up to date during these unprecedented times, I have added additional newsletters before the start of term. Newsletters are dated and numbered, so it should be clear if one is missed - each one is available on our website

[www.boringdon.plymouth.sch.uk](http://www.boringdon.plymouth.sch.uk) - we hope the majority of you will be able to access it there, together with other news about our school.

## SEPTEMBER 2020

Please be reassured that at Boringdon, we are doing everything we can to support the children and adults in maintaining a healthy environment. The school has a risk assessment and procedure plan in place, and we will be working at stage 2 of the plan, which is prevention. Clearly, this is a fluid situation which we will monitor daily. Our plan covers all eventualities and includes maintaining high standards of cleanliness and basic personal hygiene. Up to date information will be put in our newsletter and placed on the website:

[www.boringdon.plymouth.sch.uk](http://www.boringdon.plymouth.sch.uk).



Boringdon Primary School - Preventing and Managing Sickness  
Information for staff, visitors  
and building users  
STAGE 2 - PREVENTION



We currently increased precautions in place to ensure effective the prevention of the spread of illness.

All users of the building are asked to follow the following guidance:

- ✓ wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- ✓ always wash your hands when you get home or into work
- ✓ use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- ✓ cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- ✓ put used tissues in the bin straight away and wash your hands afterwards
- ✓ try to avoid close contact with people who are unwell



**Don't:**

- ✗ do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean

If you think you might have coronavirus, have been to a country or area with a high risk of coronavirus in the last 14 days or you've been in close contact with someone with coronavirus ring 1165 111. Visit <http://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus/coronavirus-spread-111> for further details.

Boringdon Primary School – Managing Sickness Procedures – Mrs L.Aptew

## BACK GATE

Access through the rear entrance to the school site in Lucas Lane will be available for use.



## BORINGDON PRIMARY SCHOOL TERM DATES 2020/2021

- Autumn Term 1:
  - Thursday 3rd September to Thursday 22nd October 2020.
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- Half Term: Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October 2020.
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- Autumn Term 2:
  - Monday 2nd November to Friday 18th December 2020.
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- Christmas Holidays: Monday 21st December 2020 to Friday 1st January 2021.
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- Spring Term 1:
  - Tuesday 5th January to Friday 12th February 2021.
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- Half Term: Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February 2021.
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- Spring Term 2: Monday 22nd February to Thursday 1st April 2021.
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- Easter Holidays: Friday 2nd April to Friday 16th April 2021.
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- Summer Term 1:
  - Monday 19th April to Friday 28th May 2021. (Monday 03 May = May Day Bank Holiday)
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- Half Term: Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June 2021.
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- Summer Term 2:
  - Monday 7th June to Tuesday 20th July 2021.

(NPDs Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, Friday 23 October, Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January, Wednesday 21st July and Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July)



## SEESAW

As part of our parent school partnership, we already use the virtual learning environment, Seesaw, which is a portal for sharing your children's work with you. As a parent, you can view a selection of your child's work, photos and videos that your child or child's class teacher has chosen to share with you. The use of this will now be expanded to set homework and activities as part of a blended learning approach, should there be the need, if your child is isolating for a period of time.

In September, you will be provided with a link to your child's page by your child's class teacher, which you alone will be able to view.

Seesaw gives your child creative tools to capture and reflect on their learning - in real time. This work is then shared with you. Seesaw will give you a window into the classroom and into your child's learning process.

We need your help with Seesaw to ensure success. You can download Seesaw's Parent App for iOS, Android on a phone or tablet, or use the web to view your child's work.

When your child adds new work, you will receive a notification to see, hear and respond to your child's learning item. You only have access to your own child's work and all of the content is stored securely.

If you wish to read Seesaw's GDPR status, you can access their Privacy Policy online:

<https://web.seesaw.me/privacy>

There may be occasions when your child will work in a group. In this case, the parents of the children, who are also in that group, could also view that piece of work, photo or video. We would ask that you do not share anything with other children in, any further than Seesaw. At the end of the school year the class will be archived and access to that class will no longer be available.

This learning platform will be critical when the children return as a vital means of communication and learning. Please return the reply slip in September as soon as you can, so that we can provide you with your log in details. This permission will then serve throughout your child's time at Boringdon, with a new class login being provided each school year. Please ensure that the school office has an email address that is current and checked regularly as notifications will be sent there. With your help, we can continue building our school community of lifelong learners.

## CONTACT DETAILS

Please can parents keep the school informed with any updates of new contact details (mobiles and email changes).

Also, can we remind parents that the message service through Gateway is not monitored daily – please only text or reply if asked to do so. If you need to contact school, please either telephone on 330424 or email:

[admin@boringdon.plymouth.sch.uk](mailto:admin@boringdon.plymouth.sch.uk)

Your sincerely,

Mr J Scales  
Headteacher



