



Berry Hill Bulletin - Friday 04.09.2020

Nine Wells Road, Berry Hill, Coleford GL16 7AT

Tel: 01594 832262 / email: admin@berryhill.gloucs.sch.uk

Welcome back to our new school year, it is really is fantastic to have our children back in school and although there were a few worried faces coming into school on the first day, once in their classrooms children quickly settled and were reassured. We are so proud of the resilience of our children in dealing with this strangest of years, and will continue to provide emotional support for their wellbeing alongside academic learning.

Huge thanks to you all for the learning done at home during our lockdown period. In classes, and up until October half term, we will be revisiting the key learning points of our summer term curriculum. For children already secure in objectives, their knowledge will be deepened and extended, and for those not yet secure, this will ensure that gaps in learning are closed.

Due to covid-restrictions we are unable to run our usual selection of after-school clubs, so for this term, we will be running our **Superlearning Club**, after school on a Wednesday for each class year 1-year 6, and this will be a further opportunity to catch-up with key missed learning, in a fun environment. Classes will be run by class teachers, will start on Wednesday 16th September and will run until 21st October. This is a fantastic opportunity for your child to experience extra learning and we very much hope all our children will attend. If you are concerned in any way about your child staying to club, please speak to their class teacher.

The **Home Learning** tab on the school website has now been removed, but you can still find information for your child's class (on the class pages), and information linked to supporting positive mental health for your child (School Life tab, bottom link).

If there is a need for our community to enter a local lockdown, as advised by Government, then home learning provision will be provided. More information will be sent home if necessary.

Thank you for supporting the social distancing requirements on our school site - by complying with this you are doing your bit to ensure infection rates locally stay low.

DATE	CALENDAR
	<p>Our popular and well attended MEET THE TEACHER sessions for each class will not take place in school this year, but a recording from each teacher has been uploaded to their Class page on the website. Please take a look as there is important information for you, including homework.</p>
W 16.09.20, weekly on a W, last session on 21.09.20.	Superlearning after-school club starts for year groups 1 to 6. Children remain in the classes after school, and are collected at 4.15pm in the usual place. Children do not need to be booked into this club, we are assuming (and hoping) that all children will stay, as it is an opportunity for catching up with high quality teaching from their class teacher.
F 23.10.20	Term finishes at normal end of school time. Please note, due to covid-restrictions there will be no Harvest Festival.

Our school office is open daily from 8.30am – 4.15pm. Contact by telephone or email is appreciated where possible, and if needing to visit our office, just one adult in the foyer at a time please. Tel: 01594 832262 / email: admin@berryhill.gloucs.sch.uk
Class teachers can also be contact by email.

Some important reminders:

- Maintenance work on the Boiler House will be carried out from Monday next week. The bike shed will not be accessible so unfortunately children will not be able to bring bikes or scooters to school until this work is completed.
- We will be taking our learning and play outside as often as possible, so please ensure your child has a coat in school every day.
- All uniform **MUST** be named (including coat and shoes).
- Children need a drink in a named plastic bottle that is taken home daily and washed.
- Junior children buying from snack-bar, please bring correct change where possible. Fresh fruit-40p, Raisins, dried apricots, seeds-30p, Veggie sticks 30p. If bringing snacks from home, these must be healthy - crisps not permitted at breaktime.
- Children with long hair must have it fully tied back securely.
- If parking at the rugby club, please manoeuvre safely and be mindful of small children around you.

Buddies Before and After school club is now running, but with restricted numbers. Places **MUST** be paid for prior to attending, and please support admin by ensuring you adhere to this requirement (failure to do so will mean your child cannot attend club).

It is essential that you book ahead if you are wanting a place for your child - no later than 12 noon (please note change in time). If you no longer require your booked place you can cancel, but again this **MUST** be done by 12 noon or a full charge will be made. This is especially important as we have a waiting list for places. More information from Mrs Reddan jreddan@berryhill.gloucs.sch.uk / 832262.

BEWARE: Some schools (including in other areas of Gloucestershire) have reported reporters of some red-top newspapers presenting as officers of the Local Authority, and contacting them by telephone, asking advice about their children's return to school. The information shared has then been printed in the newspapers, but misquoted. Please also beware of financial scams with contact being made regarding payment for learning to support school. We would never contact parents and families in this way, please speak to us if you are concerned.

Support with mental health and wellbeing

There is much reported currently about the pressure on families due to the continuing coronavirus situation. There are many sources of help available to families, and to children. For support and advice you can contact

Young Minds Matter - youngmindsmatter.org
(Provide a range of support and advice for mental health - adults and children, see their website for further information).

For any school related concerns Family Support advice, you can also contact our Family Support Worker, Mrs Jacqui Reddan (jreddan@berryhill.gloucs.sch.uk).



The **Family Information Service** offers a free confidential advice line providing guidance and emotional support on any aspect of parenting and family life.

Find out more here:

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/media/2097644/support-for-parents-advice-line.pdf>

The service offers the following support:

- We have time to listen to you. Let us know what is going on for you and what is causing you concern. No worry is too small or too big for us to support you with.
- Once we fully understand your concerns we can think through together how you and your family can overcome your problems. This may involve us recommending someone else to help you, we may help you access useful websites or resources or we might agree together some practical approaches you can try and call you back to see how you got on.
- Unfortunately, we are not able to offer legal, financial or medical advice but can always put you in touch with someone who can.

How to make contact:

Service is available Mon - Fri, 9am - 8pm and on Saturdays 10am - 6pm

- Call free of charge on 0800 542 02 02 (leaving a message if necessary, and someone will get back to you).
- Email: familyinfo@gloucestershire.gov.uk
- Facebook - search for Family Information Service - Gloucestershire and leave a message. Visit www.glosfamiliesdirectory.org.uk for useful hints and tips!

The Forest Foodbank is also available to provide support to families in need. See their website <https://theforest.foodbank.org.uk/>

SCHOOL UNIFORM

A full range of our school uniform is available from Mapac Group Ltd parentcustomerservices@mapac.net or telephone **01923 255525**. Alternatively, there is ordering information available on our school website (see documents on the bottom of the home page, and also on the **SCHOOL LIFE** tab/**UNIFORM**). Orders can be paid by either credit or debit card. Delivery to school or home is offered.

We have been made aware that some sweatshirts/cardigans have been produced with a different colour logo. Please contact Mapac and they will replace the item for you free of charge.

Our School Uniform Policy is available on the school website (see **POLICIES** tab).