

# BURNSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Be Safe, Be Smart, Be Kind*

*9th Nov 2020*



Dear Parents

It was with great sadness that at the weekend we had to inform you that another class group had to self-isolate due to COVID

I understand the process is extra ordinarily frustrating, inconvenient and worrying for you and your children and would like to stress the fact that we have no choice in the action we take in these matters.

When we are informed of a positive COVID case there are procedures we need to adhere to which involve informing Public Health England, DFE and the Local Authority immediately. We then follow the action they stipulate in terms of informing you, staff and closing parts of the school for a period which they determine based on the last contact with the infected person.

We have organised our school into bubbles/ pods which mean we can quickly identify the people at possible risk of infection. As our children are young and have time each day to play outside with the other children in their bubble it means that the entire class needs to go into self-isolation.

We are doing our very best to provide work online for the children to complete when their group closes. We would appreciate it if you could return the work into school when the children return as this will allow the teachers to assess the work the children have completed.

A paper version of the work set is available from the school office or via post. Please telephone the school office should you need this.

## **Curriculum**

We continue to work on a recovery curriculum which means the children throughout the school may be having additional literacy and numeracy sessions across the week. However, we are extremely committed to ensure that the children's positive mental health is a priority. The COVID experience has been very distressing to many of our pupils who are struggling to come to terms with the consequences of COVID which include loss, change to routines, worry about grandparents, the list goes on.

## **Flu Vaccinations**

These are due to take place on the 13<sup>th</sup> November. We are waiting for the team from NHS to come and collect the forms you have returned. If you haven't returned your form and want your child to receive the vaccination please contact the school office IMMEDIATELY.

As we now have some children having to isolate on the date the vaccinations are to take place we have telephoned the NHS team to ask for an alternative date for these children. We are awaiting their reply and possible solution. We will of course let you know the plan as soon as they inform us.

## **E- School Log In**

I am sending this out in paper form on this occasion as well as email to ensure everyone receives it. Please ensure you can access your e-schools messages as we may need to contact you out of school hours and at weekends. If you have any problems receiving correspondence please ring the school office.



## Forthcoming Events

9th November	Divali Art Week
Friday 13th Nov	Flu Vaccinations (Reception—Year 6)
	Children In Need (Children to wear own clothes or something yellow in honour of Pudsey, Donations to Children in Need welcomed)
16th November	Anti Bullying Week
4th December	Christmas Craft Day
Monday 7th Dec	Christmas Movie Night
Thursday 10th Dec	Christmas Lunch (Children can wear own clothes and Christmas Jumpers)
Friday 11th Dec	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day— Donations welcomed Reception Christmas Party Nursery Christmas Party
Monday 14th Dec	Year 1 Christmas Party
Tuesday 15th Dec	Year 2 Christmas Party
Wednesday 16th Dec	Year 3 Christmas Party
Thursday 17th Dec	Year 4 Christmas Party Year 5 & 6 Christmas Celebrations
Friday 18th December	School Closes Children can wear their Christmas Jumpers