



08/09/20

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome Back! Your children did brilliantly yesterday and we were so proud of the way they returned to school. It was so lovely to see them all and welcome our new families. We hope you love the wonderful new mural on the outer school wall. There are also more animals appearing on the wall in Ann Street – eventually it should include all of our school animals!

Last week, we sent you a SchoolPing with our return to school guidance on it. It is now also on our website, along with our Risk Assessment – [http://www.st-bartholomews.brighton-hove.sch.uk/web/september\\_2020/504749](http://www.st-bartholomews.brighton-hove.sch.uk/web/september_2020/504749) - if you want to take a look. Please do get in contact if you have any questions.

Thank you to those parents and carers that wore masks when dropping off and picking up – it does help other people feel safer. We understand that some people are exempt from wearing masks, but if you can wear one, we would really appreciate it. Please remember that physical distancing and the wearing of masks is an effective way to stop the spread of the virus.

We are operating a staggered pick up for some year groups. This is new to us too, so some classes weren't quite as ready as they could have been. We will get better at this too! The collection times are as follows:

**Bumblebee Class, Puffin Class and Koala Class – 2.50pm – 3.00pm**

**Red Panda Class and Penguin Class – 3.00pm – 3.10pm**

**Pangolin Class and Jaguar Class – 3.10pm**

Please remember to collect younger children first, as they finish earlier. When you have collected your children, please leave the playground as soon as possible, through the Reception playground.

Parents of children in **Pangolin Class and Jaguar Class**, please wait on the main playground by the gym equipment. At 3.10pm, you can go through to the Reception playground to wait for your children there. This helps us avoid congestion in the Reception playground and keeps our children safe.

Some parents have asked if we can give your child a coronavirus test without your permission. We don't have any facilities to administer tests and if we did, we would inform you of the procedures around this. We will NOT be testing your children.

Some of you very kindly bring in treats to share when it is your child's birthday. Unfortunately, due to the current situation, we will no longer be able to give these out. Parents are welcome to distribute these in the playground if they would like to. Remember, though, your children are allowed to wear non-uniform to school on their birthday!

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Children need to bring a named water bottle to and from school every day. Also, we would appreciate it if you were able to provide your child with a named set of coloured pencils (not felt tips) in a named pencil case that they can leave at school. We can provide them if you cannot manage this.

Our main system of communication remains as SchoolPing. New parents will be given details about how to access this as soon as their details have been updated by the system – it is unfortunately taking a little longer than usual due to a technical problem. We aim to have SchoolPing set up for all new parents by next week. In the meantime, please do keep an eye on the website but we will also send home paper copies of any letters.

Please remember that all communication with the office should be by telephone or email unless it is urgent. Staff are still available to talk after school in the playground or you can make an appointment with them by emailing or phoning the school office.

Thank you all for your cooperation and we are thrilled to be back open.

Kind Regards,



Katie Blood  
Headteacher

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