

# Beaconhill Primary School Newsletter



**Week beginning 14th September 2019**

## **Welcome Back!**

Thanks to all parents, staff and children who are working so hard to keep our school a COVID-secure learning environment.

I can already see pupils working hard in their classrooms; it's a delight to have a school with real children in again.

## **Bubble Closures**

You will be aware of the Y3 closure, and I am certain there will be more across the school over time. Our systems have proven robust, and the closure was reasonably smooth. We have used this first instance as a useful test of systems, some of which have now been 'tweaked'.

Please support the school in our efforts towards controlling COVID in the community.

If your child's class bubble is closed, **you must ensure that they stay at home.**

Pupils self-isolating **must not** go outside beyond their own garden, as they may be incubating the virus and could transmit it to others. This is potentially life threatening for some in the community.

It is important that adults set a good example to children by following guidance. I understand that it is difficult for pupils who miss playing out with their friends in these autumn evenings, but the point of closing class bubbles is to isolate pupils who have been in close contact with a COVID positive case. If isolating pupils are allowed to mix in the community, it defeats the whole purpose of closing bubbles.

In school we have made an enormous effort to ensure pupils are COVID safe, and I am aware that all staff and the majority of our parents are doing the same at home. Thanks go to everyone who is adhering to government recommendations, particularly in this new lockdown.

Staff and parents are equally inconvenienced by the requirement for self-isolation, and although problematic, we have a moral duty to safeguard the vulnerable members of society. It would be a shame if lost learning time in school proved to be pointless.

## **Fire 'Drill'**

This was not a drill! Amazingly the children responded in a very mature way and everyone was out in our usual sub 3 minutes. Although I do like an early drill in the autumn term, this was a little too early, especially for our Nursery pupils!

## **School Lunches.**

We are looking to extend the range of our school packed lunches. I particularly like small children to have a hot lunch each day, but we cannot safely use the hall in the usual way. As children are eating in classrooms, dinner trays are not practical, and so we are providing packed lunches from the kitchen. We are trying to incorporate more of the children's hot favourites (in every sense of the phrase) so please look out for the text updates on menus. When we have identified the favourites, we will create our usual three week rotation and send it to parents.

## **School drop off.**

Please do not come onto the yard before 8.45. This is a strict drop off time to ensure social distancing, and it is obvious that smaller children are beginning to run around as parents wait for teachers to collect classes. Staff will not be on the yard before 8.45. To keep the one way system effective we must have a 'moving drop off', so please drop-and-go.

