



# Berewood Bulletin

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## Our Berewood Bond

We are helpful and kind ▪ We are respectful and safe ▪ We are resilient and hardworking

### Headteacher's update



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the first bulletin of the academic year – sorry that it comes a little later than planned, the start of term has been really hectic. It's good to see the children back and to see that school has started to regain a kind of normal. Let's hope that the weather stays fine so children can enjoy as much of the outside as possible in the coming weeks. The return has not been without its challenges, most notably the rise in cases in the Portsmouth and Waterlooville area which is of course impacting on schools - including Berewood. **We continue to urge you to ensure that if your child is suffering from any of the symptoms to NOT send them to school but keep them at home and seek a PCR test as soon as possible. We want to do our part to reduce transimision in school as much as possible.**

If your child does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from the nhs.uk website at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/>. If you are concerned about your child's symptoms, or they are worsening you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://111.nhs.uk/> or by phoning 111.

Here's to a great term!



Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November – Trust INSET Days – school is closed to pupils.

A full list of the other important dates for the term will be issued next week.

Proud to be part of the **UNIVERSITY OF CHICHESTER** ACADEMY TRUST

## Toys in school – please leave them at home!

Please can I ask that children leave all toys including poppits and other toys safely at home? The reason for this it causes upset when things get lost or broken and can also cause disagreements. The only time children can bring things into school is if children have been asked to do so by teachers as part of their learning. If this is the case, you will receive an official request from school specifying how this will work.

Children with special educational needs are the exception to this rule - some of our children as I am sure you can appreciate have a need for a small toy to help support them in coming to and from school or to help them get through the school day. Where this has already been formally agreed with Miss Annalls (our SENCo) then this arrangement should of course continue and will be reviewed with you at the regular meetings you have with her.

## Assemblies

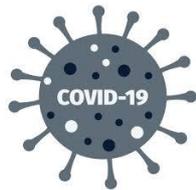
Each week assemblies continue on a Monday when we start the week with the children and on a Friday when we continue to celebrate children's achievements. Similar to last year parents and carers can email in details of Out of School achievements that you're happy for us to share at the Friday assembly to [office@berewoodprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@berewoodprimary.co.uk). We're not meeting in person in the hall of course, but classes join a Zoom assembly instead from the safety of their classrooms. These requests do need to be with us Wednesday of each week in time for the Friday, if not then the sharing of the achievement will roll over to the following week.



House Captains - This week in school we held House Captain Elections in Year 6. Details and results will be shared with families next week by email – we want the elected Year 6 children to tell you first themselves of their success.

## How to stop coronavirus (COVID-19) spreading – a message from the NHS

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with coronavirus (COVID-19):



- get vaccinated – everyone aged 18 and over can [book COVID-19 vaccination appointments](#) now and 16-17 year olds are being offered 1 dose of the vaccination by 23 August
- wash your hands with soap and water or use hand sanitiser regularly throughout the day
- 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 immediately and wash your hands afterwards
- meet people outside and avoid crowded areas
- open doors and windows to let in fresh air if meeting people inside
- wear a face covering if aged 11 and over when it's hard to stay away from other people – particularly indoors or in crowded places
- participate in twice weekly LFD testing following national guidelines (recommended for 11 years and over). We encourage you to log your results here: <https://www.gov.uk/log-test-site-covid19-results>

## Further Information

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

## Staffing changes

Thank You

The end of an academic year brought with it some changes with Mrs McVitie and Mrs Jackson leaving us at the end of the year too. Thank you for all you have done, we wish you all the best in your future ventures.



**We also extend a big Berewood welcome to:**

Mrs Megan Murphy, Miss Bernie Mack, Miss Sophie Broadbent who are all Teaching Assistants who joined us at the start of this academic year.

## PTA Update



*Firstly we would like to welcome everyone back and hope you have all enjoyed the summer break.*

*Also we would like to welcome all our new Year R Parents and Carers to the PTA, we hope you enjoyed your little gift.*

*We now require full payment for all the Pantomime ticket orders made please. Emails have been sent out today advising those who ordered what their outstanding balance is. If you haven't received this then please email us. Payment is required by October 2nd, please contact the PTA email address if this causes you any problems. Once you have made your bank transfer to the details below please email us to confirm this.*

*Berewood Primary Parent Teacher Association*

*Sort code 55 70 34*

*Account number: 80833012*

*There are also approximately 25 tickets still available for the Pantomime at 3pm on December 18th. Please email us if you would like to place an order.*

*Finally, our next PTA Meeting will now be held on Monday 18th October at 19.30 via Zoom (link to follow). As always we would love it if you could join us, but in the meantime if you would like any details regarding becoming part of the committee or supporting in other ways please email us at [berewood965@gmail.com](mailto:berewood965@gmail.com)*

*Have a lovely weekend*

*The PTA Committee*

## 'Care first' for parents

We continue to support our families with the Care First service available free to our families. Log in details are below. New webinars are uploaded each week, so do check back for more information. The link to Care First is below:

<https://carefirst-lifestyle.co.uk/>

Username: unicatp

Password: wellbeing

If you wish to contact the Care first telephone counselling and information line, then please don't hesitate to call the Freephone number provided and you can speak to a professional in confidence. Call Care first for in the moment support on **0808 168 2143**

## Useful Links page on the school website - resources for parents and carers

We have recently created a Useful Links page where we will post resources and other information for families. You can see this page here: <https://www.berewoodprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Useful+Links&pid=150>

New resources will be added to this page as they become available.

## A new uniform supplier – Hampshire Uniforms

In addition to Skoolkit who stock our uniform, parents and carers can also get uniform from Hampshire Uniforms.

They will be supplying ‘high quality uniform at a great price’.

They will be able to supply the following:

- White / Purple Polos
- White PE T-Shirts
- Purple Sweatshirts
- Purple Cardigans
- Purple School Book bag
- Purple PE Bag
- Purple Junior Caps

Whilst they are looking to extend their range in the future, they have a lot of items in stock ready to go, or if in a ‘backorder’ status, the item will be ready in 2/3 weeks.

You can view and order direct via their website [www.hampshireuniforms.co.uk](http://www.hampshireuniforms.co.uk)  
They are currently offering free delivery with no minimum spend.

You can also contact them by phone on 02392 982404 and by email on [hello@hampshireuniforms.co.uk](mailto:hello@hampshireuniforms.co.uk)

## After School Sports/Activity Clubs

**Clubs started again from this week and are as follows. Pick up is from the hall doors leading on to the front of the school at the end of the sessions.**

Externally run after school sports / dance clubs	
Mondays	Sama Karate
Tuesday	Carrie-Ann Sait’s Dance Club
Wednesdays	Football with CM Sports
Thursdays	
Fridays	Multi-skills club with CM Sports



## Masks

Nationally, guidance has changed, but we still recommend you wear a mask if you're coming onto site though this is no longer a firm requirement. **The virus is very much out there and so we want to try and do our bit as well to keep everyone safe.**

## Permission for older pupils to leave the school site unaccompanied

In the light of a number of requests from families we've reviewed our arrangements and wish to let you know of the following changes. **Importantly, current notified arrangements can remain in place and do not need to be re-advised regardless of the planned changes listed below. It will only be if you wish to change to meet the new arrangements that you need to advise us of that.**

### The following will apply from Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021

- Children from Year R to Year 3 inclusive need to be dropped off and picked up in person.
- Year 4 – if parents and carers wish, following a safety chat with their children, pupils can walk to and from school on their own, **but we still prefer them to be dropped off and collected.**
- Years 5 and 6 – In preparation for secondary school we feel it's appropriate for the vast majority of our pupils in Y5 and Y6 to leave the school site unaccompanied if parents/carers wish them to do so. Please speak to your child's teacher if this is NOT what you want for your child and we will hold them at the classroom door to be picked up.
- Importantly, we reserve the right to change arrangements for children's journey to and from school if their behaviour and conduct is bringing the school's name into disrepute.
- In addition, please note that the permission has changed from 'walk home' to '*leave the school site unaccompanied*' to allow children to walk some or all of the way home and for those of you with interim arrangements (like meeting by the bike racks or the green opposite school and so on) to be able to make those plans as appropriate.
- **Please do have a safety plan in place if you're not there and discuss this with your child. There is not always a member of school staff outside on duty at pick up, so our message to children is always to come back to the classroom or the school office if they can't find their grown-up.**



**Please also talk to them about crossing roads safely. Though there are traffic calming measures in place, the crossing by the field gate on Kentidge Way remains a challenge and does need pupils to stop and check and take extra care when crossing. If there are any queries related to this then please do get in touch.**

The green cross code  
(a quick reminder!)

Mobile phones away!

**THE GREEN CROSS CODE**

A thorough knowledge of the Green Cross Code is vitally important to primary school children **over 7 years:**

1. First find a safe place to cross
2. Stop just before you get to the kerb
3. Look all around for traffic and listen
4. If traffic is coming, let it pass, look all around again and listen
5. When it is safe go straight across the road - do not run
6. Keep looking and listening for traffic while you cross

**STOP - LOOK - LISTEN**

### Mobile phones in school

It's our feeling that mobile phones for pupils are not normally needed whilst they attend primary school. We do acknowledge that some parents and carers want them to have this for the journey to and from school. Please note that mobile phones **MUST** be handed in to the class teacher and are only permitted for pupils from Years 5 and 6. On handing them in they will be stored in individually named wallets to avoid confusion at home time, must be turned off and must not be turned on again until pupils are off site and on their way home. Many thanks for your cooperation with this.

### Concerns

Please do continue to talk to your child's class teacher in the first instance as we always want to resolve issues at the classroom first. If that proves unsuccessful after a period of time, then it is of course possible to ask to see a member of the school's senior leadership team who will try and assist you further. We want to help if at all possible.

### OFFICE REMINDERS

**Staying off after being sick with diarrhoea or vomiting** – At Berewood we follow the NHS guidance on these matters and ask that children are kept at home for 48 hours **after the last incidence** of diarrhoea or vomiting. So for example if the last incidence was Monday afternoon, they could return to school on Thursday morning. Many thanks.

**Prescription medications** – we are permitted to give these if a dose is required during the school day, but parents and carers need to complete a form first. Please come to the school office to do this and hand the medication over. It's not possible to send your child in with their medication as it's prescription medication and these are administered by office staff normally so it's important they're aware.

**Medical appointments** – thanks for continuing to work with us to provide details of these and for trying whenever possible to book these outside of school hours. We appreciate it can be frustrating to have to provide the proof, but legally we need to know where children are during school hours, hence our request to see appointment letters and reminder text messages.

Have a great weekend and new week – Mr Ricky Leigh, Headteacher

Next issue due out: **1<sup>st</sup> October 2021**

