



Bearwood News

Autumn Term

Friday 5th March 2021

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We are absolutely delighted that all children will be returning to school on Monday 8th March. We can't wait. Here is some information in advance of returning.

School gates will be open from 8.40am until 8.50am at the Ethel Street entrance. Please do not queue before 8.40am.

School finishing times have **changed** slightly from the autumn term. Here are the new times.

2.55pm Year 6

3.00pm Year 5 and Year 1 children

3.05pm Year 4 and Year 2 children

3.10pm Reception, Year 3 and afternoon Nursery children.

We ask that if you only have one child at the school, you arrive on time so that you can leave the site promptly.

If you have more than one child, we ask that you arrive at the **latest** finishing time and we will dismiss all children to you at that time, rather than children having to wait with parents.

Please can all children bring a water bottle in each day

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 may bring book bags in to help carry their books.

We ask that Years 3 4 5 and 6 do not bring bags to school.

All lunch boxes should be small and capable of fitting on the lunchbox trollies please. **NO rucksacks** please.

P.E days remain the same as last term. Children should come in their outdoor p.e kit on p.e day.

On Monday it will be Year 6 p.e

PLEASE RETURN ALL iPADS AND THE CORRECT CHARGERS TO SCHOOL ON MONDAY

Afterschool club will start on Monday 8th March

We may have some places available. We are currently only doing the first session until 4.30pm. If you would like to book a place or would like more details, please email:

headteacher@bearwood.sandwell.sch.uk

Covid Testing advice from Sandwell LA

Traditionally, PCR tests are only recommended for people with the classic three symptoms of COVID-19, which are a persistent cough, fever or change in taste or smell. If we have these symptoms, we have an obligation to seek a test and self-isolate.

However, Sandwell is encouraging people experiencing a wider range of symptoms to also consider seeking a PCR test. These wider symptoms include headaches, aches and pains, sore throat, runny nose, sneezing, stomach ache and feeling tired for no apparent reason. If a person experiences these wider symptoms (and there is no other obvious cause) then they can choose to have a PCR test if they wish.

Unlike in the case of the classic three COVID symptoms, seeking a test when you experience the wider range of symptoms is not obligatory. It is your choice. There is also no need to self-isolate (unless of course the PCR test comes back positive).

How to get a test: If you do choose to have a PCR test for wider symptoms then you can book online here <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> or call 199. When prompted, you can choose the option that says *“My local council or health protection team has asked me (or someone I live with) to get a test, even though I do not have symptoms.”*

For more information visit <https://www.sandwell.gov.uk/testsandwell>

School Lunches Week Beginning Monday 8th March.

All children will have one hot option a day and a choice of sandwiches. The hot options are below.

All paid meals must be booked on Parent Pay.

If free school meal children or Reception Year 1 or Year 2 would also like the hot option or school sandwiches, please also book on Parent Pay. If you do not book a lunch on Parent Pay, we will presume your child is bringing their own sandwiches.

If you have not created a Parent Pay account you need to do so **now**. If you need a new activation code please let us know.

		Dates for your Diary	
Monday	Fish fingers, wedges and peas	Friday 2nd April– Friday 16th April	Easter Holidays
Tuesday	Quorn southern fried burger and carrots	Monday 3rd May	May Bank Holiday
Wednesday	Cheese lattice	Monday 31st May– Friday 5th June	Half Term Holiday
Thursday	Pizza and wedges	Wednesday 21st July	Start of the summer holidays
Friday	Fish fingers and chips		