

Blewbury Church of England School Newsletter

Wednesday 30th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

COVID – 19 Risk Assessment

Following our communication last week, we can confirm that we have made some adjustments to the organisation of the bubbles in school to further minimise the risk to the children and staff of contracting COVID -19. All bubbles are staffed to provide cover, appropriate ratios and to minimise the movement of staff around the school. All our procedures and protocols are in line with the latest government advice. We will alert you to any changes so you are fully informed.

We have put up additional signage around the school and in school to remind us all about what we need to do to stay safe. In addition, the cleaning procedures in school are more rigorous to ensure surfaces and equipment are frequently cleaned with effective products.

Home Learning

In line with the latest government guidelines we are currently reviewing our provision for home learning to ensure that children who are shielding or in quarantine, do not miss out on vital learning.

We will be subscribing to an on-line platform called Seesaw which will provide parents and children with a simple way of keeping in touch with the class teacher. This ensures that engagement levels are maintained and children can get regular feedback from their teacher. It will also enable teachers to align the children's learning to our curriculum and set homework. We will let you know when this is set up and available to use.

Parent Mail

We have now set up Parent Mail to enable us to communicate with all of you effectively. If you need any support with accessing this, please contact the school office. You will need to register to ensure you receive the newsletters and updates.

Staffing

Some of you may already be aware that we currently have some members of staff who are currently not in school. To ensure that the school is still able to run efficiently and that we continue to make progress with the key priorities for improvement, ODST are supporting by providing the school with some additional staffing. Lisa Horton an experienced Head teacher, is currently working alongside Sharon Mullins to provide the school with some additional support. Caroline Evans is also supporting the school and will be working mainly in the office on key administrative tasks.

Please do get in touch with your child's class teacher in the first instance or Sharon Mullins or Lisa Horton if you have any questions or concerns. We are aware that this has and continues to be a challenging time for families and want to ensure you feel fully supported and reassured.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Best wishes,

Sharon Mullins