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Dear Families

### **Da Vinci Information – Autumn Term**

Firstly, I would like to welcome you to Blewbury School. We hope you have had a lovely summer and that you and your child are ready to join us in Da Vinci class. It has been a very strange time over the last six months but, hopefully, we can try and provide a bit more normality for the children by being in school.

There will be some of the measures in place that we had in over the summer term (these are detailed below), however, we are now able to provide a more natural environment for the children's learning whilst staying in our Da Vinci bubble.

#### **Measures that are in place:**

- There will be a one-way system around the school.
- Children will be dropped at the gate into the outside area and will be welcomed in through the classroom door. They will have their hands sprayed with hand gel when they arrive.
- Children will continue to wash their hands thoroughly throughout the day and have hand gel applied.
- Lunch will be served in our classroom and a member of staff will eat with them (predominantly myself). The children will have a more limited choice due to the number of children that will need to be served but will still be just as delicious. Packed lunches will also be eaten in the classroom. Children may bring in a lunch box that is clearly named to avoid any confusion.
- Da Vinci have been allocated a section of the school field for the children to play as well as our outside area. Classes will stay within their own areas in the school grounds.
- The end of the day is at 3.15pm but the children will be ready to be collected from the same gate from 3.10pm. You will need to follow the one-way system around the school again.

As the children are being dropped off quite rapidly, there may be times that you need to get a message to me. If it is not urgent please could you either contact the office and they will relay messages or information to me, or you can email me at [tgre9560@blewbury.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:tgre9560@blewbury.oxon.sch.uk) and I will get back to you as soon as I can. If you would like a meeting please email me and I will offer you times for us to meet.



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We have 5 children in Year 1 this year, so Da Vinci class will be a lovely size. The Year 1 children will be with us full-time straight away rather than having a transition period. As discussed on Friday, some of you have advised me that you would like your children to do longer days from this week and that is fine. You have also advised that you would like to collect your children from 12.00pm on a Friday lunchtime up until the end of term. Please could you confirm by email if you would like anything different to the transition schedule.

During the first couple of weeks, the children and staff will form a 'Class Contract', which we will refer to throughout the year, that will help us to focus on the behaviours that will keep us safe and happy and enable the children to grow their brains.

### **Learning Objectives: Growing our Brains**

At Blewbury School, we encourage children to grow their brains. This means engaging fully in their learning, seeking to develop their current knowledge and persevering at tasks that they find tricky - having a growth mindset.

To be a good learner, children need to demonstrate the three **Characteristics of Effective Learning: Engagement; Creative and Critical Thinking; and Active Learning (Motivation)**. These characteristics underpin all Prime Areas and Specific Areas of learning in the Reception year. Your child will be working toward the 17 Early Learning Goals which contain objectives in the Prime and Specific areas of learning.

### **The 3 Prime Areas:**

1. Personal, Social and Emotional Development
2. Communication and Language
3. Physical Development

### **The 4 Specific Areas:**

1. Literacy (Reading and Writing)
2. Mathematics
3. Understanding the World
4. Expressive Arts and Design

At Blewbury we base our learning around an enquiry question. For the Autumn term (Terms 1 and 2) this is **"What helps me to stay healthy?"** We will be sending out the Term Overview in the next few weeks so that you can see what your child will be learning this term.



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Below is some general information:

**Drop off and collection**

Please ensure that you bring your child to the gate for the classroom in the morning and encourage them to enter the classroom independently. We will encourage them to hang up their coats, put their book bags in the tray for changing, their water bottle in the tray and change their shoes.

At the end of the day we will have your child ready for collection by 3.10pm from the gate to the classroom. Please ensure that you advise us (or the office if it changes during the day) if your child will be collected by another person.

**Snacks/Milk/Water bottles**

Children should bring a healthy snack each day to eat during afternoon snack time. Fruit and vegetables provided by the school are offered to children during their morning snack time. Every child is offered milk until their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday, after that time you are able to purchase milk for your child should you wish to. Unfortunately the milk company do not offer an alternative but we could arrange this for your child if they are unable to drink cow's milk.

Please ensure that your child has a **clearly named** sealable water bottle in school each day containing plain water only. We will encourage your child to refill these as necessary throughout the day.

**School Dinners/Packed Lunches**

We encourage children to have our delicious school dinners (these are currently free until the end of Year 2) but we understand that some children may wish to have a packed lunch. Please ensure that your child's lunchbox is clearly named and does not contain **any** products that contain nuts as we are a 'nut free' school. Your child will have access to their water bottle all day and will eat their lunch within the classroom for the foreseeable future along with the other children.

**PE Kits**

Children should bring in their PE kit and this should remain in school until half term. This should contain red shorts, a white t-shirt and socks along with trainers for outdoor PE (these can be their outdoor shoes). During the winter children may also have jogging bottoms as part of their PE kit and will be able to wear their school jumpers/cardigans. Please be advised that girls are unable to wear tights under their shorts for health and safety reasons.

**School Shoes**

Children should have a pair of indoor shoes that they can wear in the classroom throughout the day. These can stay at school until half term. If it is wet, please ensure your child has some wellies for outdoor play.



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### **Show and Tell:**

Last year we had 'Show and Tell' as the children were eager to share toys/experiences with the class. We will be unable to do this at the moment but will encourage the children to share experiences from the weekend etc instead. However, if they have a special achievement, then please do let us know so that we can celebrate with them.

### **Home Learning**

Home learning helps to ensure that children are "**growing their brains**" (a term with which the children will become familiar) and we will send home paper copies in the children's book bags on a Friday and these should be returned on a Wednesday.

We would like the children to:

#### **Daily: Reading**

Your child will bring home their reading books and their reading diary every day, which should then be returned to school each morning, even if not completed. If your child travels by bus, ensure that the book and record are in their bag for us to find.

Children will be encouraged to choose a book to bring home from our class library to begin with, titles of which will be recorded in their diaries. Once they begin phonics they will also bring home a phonics reading book that will link to the phonics that they have been learning. We will also send another book that you can share and talk about together. Please write in your child's reading diary the title of any literature (yours or school's) with which they have engaged, including any that you have read to them. Please could you also include a little note as to how they have done with their reading. We will celebrate children that have really engaged with their reading within our class.

#### **Weekly: Spellings and Maths**

Children will bring home spellings and maths on a Friday, once we feel that they are ready to do so. We will send out more information nearer the time.

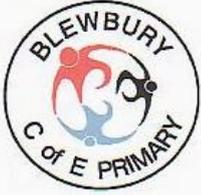
#### **Termly: Themed Activities**

We will provide a list of 6 activities that will relate to our enquiry question that can be completed over the term. Please could you help your child to choose 2 of these to complete.



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There is a lot of information to digest so if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With best wishes

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