



BRIDGEWATER NEWS

Welcome Back

Autumn Term 2



A warm welcome back to you all and I hope you had a lovely half-term break

LOCK DOWN

As new lock down restrictions commence on Thursday 5th November, we have been advised that all educational settings will remain open.

The DfE advises schools...

We will continue to prioritise the wellbeing and long-term futures of our children and young people and will not be closing early years settings, schools, colleges or universities. It remains very important for children and young people to attend, to support their wellbeing and education and help working parents and guardians. Senior clinicians still advise that school is the best place for children to be, and so they should continue to go to school.

Bridgewater Primary School will continue to be open to ALL children.

As a result of the new lock down restrictions, we have had to make some adjustments to our usual practices and procedures. I have updated these for you below.

Unfortunately we are unable to start before or after school clubs this half terms as we had we hoped. Trips and visitors will also be postponed until the New Year; this includes the School Photographer we schedule in November. Swimming for Year 4 is also cancelled until further notice.

However, we will endeavor to make school as enjoyable as possible and look forward to working with your children to support their personal, social, emotional and academic needs at this challenging time.

Safety Measures

As the safety of our community is our utmost priority, I would like to remind parents of our updated safety principles:

Principles for Parents/Carers

- **Children, young people, parents, carers or any visitors, such as suppliers, MUST not enter the school premises if they are displaying any symptoms of coronavirus** (following the COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection) and should access a test as soon as possible.
- **Parents must inform school if their child is displaying any symptoms of COVID-19 or if they have had a positive test result in their household so we can act accordingly to prevent the possible spread of the virus.** Please be advised that we would have to close sections/all of school at short notice if we had any confirmed cases of COVID-19 from children or staff who attend.
- **We strongly urge all parents to wear face coverings when collecting and dropping off their children.**
- Parents must ensure 2m social distancing when speaking to staff at collection and drop off times.
- Parents must keep school informed if their contact details change.
- We ask that all children wear their school uniform and advise parents that they be washed regularly.
- **Children MUST have a water bottle** – these can be filled at our water fountains around school.
- **If you pay for school meals this MUST be done via our new system Evolve** – no cash payments will be accepted.

- If your child needs to be accompanied to school, **only one parent should attend.**
- We recommend that where possible children and their families walk to school following social distancing protocols.
- **Parents should adhere to the allocated drop off and collection times.** Please do NOT arrive before the allocated time and be on school premises. The school gates will be open just before admission time.
- **Parents should not gather at entrance gates or doors,** or enter the building (unless they have a pre-arranged appointment). Please do not arrive before 8.30am when the school gates will open.
- **Parents should not visit the school office** – office staff will accept calls or emails ONLY.
- We have made changes to our behaviour policy and ask that you discuss this with your child (full policy on school website).

Principles for Children

- **Tell an adult if you are experiencing symptoms of coronavirus/feeling unwell** - children will be informed of the symptoms of the virus in an age appropriate manner.
- **Following school instructions on hygiene, such as hand washing and sanitising** - all children at Bridgewater must be encouraged by staff to wash hands thoroughly for 20 seconds with running water and soap and dry them thoroughly (or use sanitiser ensuring that all parts of the hands are covered). Staff will keep windows open in the classrooms whenever possible to allow ventilation. All areas that are in use will be cleaned each evening following COVID-19 guidance for schools. Regularly used equipment and touch points will be cleaned throughout the day. Children should safely remove any face coverings **before** entering the school building.
- **Following instructions on who pupils can socialise with at school** - children will be grouped into year group bubbles. These bubbles will not mix with other bubbles once set. Each bubble will have a designated break time and space, and will have a designated entrance to use. Staff will maintain a 2m distance from pupils whenever this is possible.
- **Moving around the school as per specific instructions (for example, one-way systems, out of bounds areas, queuing)** - children must use the entrances and routes around school specified for their group, which will be shared with them. There are one-way systems around school.
- **Expectations about sneezing, coughing, tissues and disposal ('catch it, bin it, kill it') and avoiding touching your mouth, nose and eyes with hands** - children must follow these expectations. Staff will provide regular reminders and posters in classrooms/toilets to reinforce this message about being 'Hands Free' – we do not touch each other.
- **Rules about sharing any equipment or other items including drinking bottles** - Children can bring school bags with essential equipment - water bottle, coat, packed lunch/snack. They need to bring a water bottle to school as the water fountains will not be in use. Children will be allocated a desk and chair and key equipment they will need. The teachers will provide each child with essential stationery items, which they will not share with others. Children must not share these items. Staff will remind children daily.
- **Amended expectations about breaks or play times, including where children may or may not play** - each year group bubble will have a designated play space and time which will be communicated with them. Staff will ensure that these spaces and times are adhered to. Wet play will be in their allocated classroom. We will limit the number of children eating in the hall at any one time and will not be holding any gatherings of large groups such as assemblies. Monday and Friday assemblies will be completed via an online program and children will stay in their classrooms.

- **Use of toilets** - children may use their designated toilets when needed however, staff will limit the number of children in toilet areas at any one time.
- **Clear rules about coughing or spitting at or towards any other person** - children will be reminded regularly by staff about the 'catch it, bin it kill it' expectations. Staff will explain that spitting is not allowed unless into a tissue which is then put into the bin, followed by the child washing their hands.
- **A full curriculum will be offered to the children.** - some activities, including those involving practical equipment, may not be possible. PE will take place during the week. **Children should come to school in their PE kit on their given day – suitable for outdoor weather.** Children will not be able to change in school at this time.
- **Clear rules for pupils at home about conduct in relation to remote education** - children will be expected to continue to engage in home learning if they unable to attend school.
- **Rewards and sanction system where appropriate** - staff will continue to use verbal praise. Stickers, certificates and postcards home will continue as usual. We will make every effort to ensure that the children are happy and comfortable in their new learning environment through our daily well-being lessons.
- **Identify any reasonable adjustments that need to be made for students with more challenging behaviour** - risk assessments will be carried out for any child displaying more challenging behaviour on an individual basis.

All documents, including a full Risk Assessment are available for your reference on the school's website on our COVID-19 information page for parents www.bridgewaterprimaryschool.co.uk

The DfE have published guidance for parents available via this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

Further information:

We welcome Mrs Cope back to Bridgewater – Mrs Cope will resume her role as our Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO).

We also welcome two student teachers to our Bridgewater staffing team. Mr Thorp will be working alongside Miss Fishwick in Year 1EF and Miss Robbins will be working with Miss Taylor in 6JT.

Regularly updated information can also be found on the school website

www.bridgewaterprimaryschool.co.uk

News and information is also updated via our Twitter page so please do follow us [@BridgewaterPS](https://twitter.com/BridgewaterPS).

If you have any question or queries, please do not hesitate to contact school and a member of our office team will be happy to help. Please email bridgewater.primaryschool@salford.gov.uk or call 0191 921 1191.

Kind regards

Mrs E Henderson

Calendar of Events – Autumn 2 2020

November 2020				
2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th
School Reopens	Dance teacher working with Y1/Y2			
9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th	13 th
Maths Week England				
	Dance teacher working with Y1/Y2	Armistice Day		
16 th	17 th	18 th	19 th	20 th
Anti-Bullying Week				
EYFS Nursery Rhyme Week				
Odd Socks Day	Dance teacher working with Y1/Y2			
23 rd	24 th	25 th	26 th	27 th
	Dance teacher working with Y1/Y2	Nasal flu vaccinations (Reception – Year 6)		

December 2020				
30 th	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
	Dance teacher working with Y1/Y2			Swimming Lesson (4KS) <i>Subject to government guidance</i>
7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th	11 th
Full Governing Body Meeting	Dance teacher working with Y1/Y2			Swimming Lesson (4KS) <i>Subject to government guidance</i>
14 th	15 th	16 th	17 th	18 th
	Dance teacher working with Y1/Y2	Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day		Christmas Party Day School closes for Christmas

School reopens on Wednesday 6th January 2021