



25th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we have walked around the school this week we have been so proud to see how hard all of our children are working in their new year groups. It is lovely to see that our Burnopfield children continue to set themselves high standards for learning. There have been so many fabulous lessons going on and some fantastic work produced. On Thursday we were invited to visit Birch class to see some of the writing they had been doing in English. We were so impressed with their effort and progress that the whole class received a golden Head Teacher's sticker, even Mrs Errington.

New times for arrival and exit

We constantly assess and review our procedures and as a result have decided that we will be shortening our free flow window now that we have all adjusted to the new procedures. This will allow for more learning time in the classroom for the children whilst still staggering the amount of people on the site.

All exit and entrance points remain the same with the expectation of the Reception pick up which is now on KS1 yard.

Morning and afternoon Nursery times are unchanged

<u>Start of the Day</u>	<u>End of the Day</u>
<p>Year 5 and 6 remain the same arriving at 8:45am and leaving at 3:05pm</p> <p>Reception -Year 4 arrive between 8:50am and 9:20am</p>	<p>Reception -Year 2 can be picked up anytime between 3:00pm and 3:20pm Reception will be picked up on KS1 yard from Monday</p> <p>Year 3 continue to be collected between 3:00pm and 3:10pm</p> <p>Year 4 continue to be collected between 3:10pm and 3:20 pm</p>

All entrances and registers will close at 9.20am. If you arrive after this time, please make your way to the main reception to sign in your child.

We would like to thank you for adhering closely to the times and for all of your support with the difficult task of bringing nearly 400 children and their parents/carers on and off the site safely.

Message from the Chair Of Governors

The Governors met virtually this week to discuss the arrangements for the headship of the school. It was agreed that the current arrangement of Mrs Thompson and Mrs Brunton's Acting Co-Headship should continue for the rest of the academic year.





Consent Forms and Contact Details

Thanks to everyone who has handed in the new consent forms. These new forms will now last the child for the whole time they are in our school (with the exception of early years children who will be required to fill another pack in next year). If we do not receive your forms by **Monday 28th September** we will assume all permissions remain the same as last year. A reminder that you must inform the school office of any changes to your address or phone number and that we must have two separate emergency contacts for safeguarding purposes.

SEND Support Plans

Parents/carers of children with support plans will receive a new support plan on **Friday 23rd October**. This will be sent via email from the class teacher. All teachers are using the previous pre-lock down support plan to support children this half term as we assess where the children are and their next steps.

Dinner procedures:

Dinner money must be paid on Mondays. It can be paid weekly, monthly, or termly. If you are sending cash, please send it in a sealed envelope, with the child's name, class and the amount. Cheques should be made payable to Durham County Council. Please write your child's name and class on the back of cheque. Cash/cheques can be brought into school by your child, who will then hand it to their class teacher, or the parent can place it in the black letter box, outside the school main entrance. Cost £2.10 per day = £10.50 per week.

Wellbeing Support

Teachers have emailed a document with key agencies who can support anyone with any mental health and wellbeing needs. In addition, we are supporting different bubbles and individual children with Relax Kids and our school counsellor. Please contact Mrs Brunton or Mrs Ferris via the school office for any more details.

Risk assessment

Part of our risk assessment states that all rooms should be well-ventilated with windows and doors kept open to encourage air flow. As the weather is getting colder, please consider an extra warm layer for your child as the rooms will be cooler than usual.

Parent survey responses

Thank you for taking the time to complete our short survey to take your views on our return to school. We are delighted to have received such positive feedback. Where parents noted a 'disagree' response, we have contacted people individually to discuss this with them and seek a solution.

<i>My child has enjoyed returning to school.</i>	94%
<i>My child feels safe in school.</i>	97%





<i>The systems that school has put in place for dropping off and collection work well.</i>	93%
<i>I have been kept well informed about what is happening in school via the Friday letter and other school communications.</i>	98%
<i>The school supports my child's wellbeing and emotional health.</i>	98%
<i>The class email system between home and school works well.</i>	98%

Home/school links

Do you ever ask your children what they've been learning in school only to get told 'nothing' or 'I can't remember'? We do teach them we promise! To try and help with this, each class teacher is going to share a specific question each week about the week's learning to try and get the conversation going. Let us know if it's useful and helps the children talk about their learning.

ASK YOUR CHILD	
Nursery - Seedings and Saplings	What did you use shapes to make?
Reception - Willow and Walnut	What can you do in the Outdoor Area?
Year 1 - Poplar and Pine	How does Smartie the Penguin stay safe online?
Year 2 - Lilac and Lime	Which materials are waterproof?
Year 3 - Hawthorn and Hazel	How much did it cost to build the Derwent Reservoir?
Year 4 - Cedar and Chestnut	What jobs did the Anglo-Saxons have?
Year 5 - Birch and Beech	What can you tell me about Laika the space dog?
Year 6 - Ash and Apple	What do you know about Winston Churchill?

Healthy Snack

Children in KS2 can bring a piece of fruit for their break time snack.

Weekly Awards

	Star of the week 	Kindness 	Star Reader 	Bright Sparks 
Willow Class	Jessica C	Maddie G	Jamie B	Harper S



Walnut Class	Max Bro	Shakira	Archie	Joshua
Pine Class	Rose W	Olivia B	Mollie L	Lily-Minnie R
Poplar Class	Harry B	Matthew S	Gracie M	Rose B
Lime Class	Connie	Lucy	Harry	Iris
Lilac Class	Poppy	Ben	Georgi	Alexis
Hazel Class	Hannah P	Eliana	Elodie H	Sol S
Hawthorn Class	Reggie G	Niamh	Ava B	Mya
Chestnut Class	Elana T	Frankie E	Albert N	Coby-James
Cedar Class	Freddie C	Thea C	Flynn K	Hollie A
Birch Class	Kaiden	Hannah	Harry	Lewis
Beech Class	Maisie	Deacon	Edward	Lucy
Ash Class	Jessica	Ruby	Callum	Macy
Apple Class	Isabella	Alys	Taylor	Harry

Mrs Brunton's Bright Sparks for this week are: Lucy and Charlotte (Year 5)

Mrs C Thompson and Mrs R Brunton

Acting Co-Head Teachers

