



Bretherton Endowed CE Primary School Newsletter



Date 5th June 2020

Dear Parents,

Weekly Update

Good afternoon, I hope that you are all keeping well. I've decided rather than a newsletter, I will continue sending weekly letters so that I can keep you updated if there are moves to re-open school more fully. Things are changing on a week by week basis, so I will apologise now for the fact that things can and will change. Thank you to parents who responded to my last couple of surveys. It is clear that the majority of our parents are still unsure about sending their children back to school and many do not have a need to do so at the moment. You are doing a great job of balancing education at home and your own commitments so if you feel that you can continue to do so, I am certain you may decide to continue doing this

A booklet for parents and children on how school is operating will be added to the website this weekend.

Keyworkers

Our key priority in opening school is to ensure that we have the rooms, staff and systems in place to follow the Government guidance. Having been open now for our first week back at Bretherton we can see how our plans are working. Smaller numbers have worked and at this time as we are offer provision for children of keyworkers. I can appreciate that many more companies and employers are attempting to move towards 'normal' and we will continue to try and support you with this where possible. The children attending are completing their home learning at school, and the general statement for keyworkers is 'If you can safely keep your children at home, to please do so' still stands. I do understand that many more keyworkers, for example teachers, may be expecting to go back to work in the next couple of weeks, and so I would ask that you let me know if you need to discuss this further.

Year R,1 and 6

We have been advised that the Local Authority will advise us on 8th June if they feel schools should open for 15th June for those year groups. If they do not recommend we do, this will be reviewed each week. We have been continually working on plans and I will communicate them later next week. We will try and work to local and national guidance on opening, but each school is unique and has its own individual needs. However, it is important to say that should we be able to open up for more classes (Year R, 1 and 6) we may need to operate them differently than a typical school week, possibly offering reduced days and with possible variations in school day hours. This is primarily due to the room and staffing availability of our lovely, small school.

Further opening of classes

For all other year groups, I will keep you in the loop of any changes and we are working on how to make contact with you and your children in the coming weeks. I am hosting a virtual meeting with Year 6 next week and hope we can roll this our further soon.

Extended hours

Further to the recent guidance, we will not be opening 'The Hub'. We are unable at this time to reopen it as we would be unable to keep children in their class groups and staffing and cleaning requirements would make it impossible. We will however, continue with the 8.00-4.00 offering for children of our keyworkers.

Home learning and internet safety

While everyone has adapted very well to the online learning, I would like to remind parents about the importance of keeping their children safe online. I have added some links at the end of this letter for your use if you need them.

Thank you – you're amazing.

Thank you again for your support and let me know if we can do ANYTHING to help. Keep up the good work at home, keep sending us the photos of your great work and take a look at Mrs Glew's virtual sports day – it looks great and easy to do at home!

Watch out for Moxham 'tube' which will be coming your way next week. I hope you won't mind me transporting myself into your living rooms as I share some great stories with you.

Hope to speak to you all soon.

Alison Moxham

Where can I go to get support to help keep my child safe online?

Here are some useful links to help you keep their children safe online:

- government guidance on [keeping children safe from online harms](#) such as child sexual exploitation, cyberbullying and harmful content
- government guidance on [staying safe online](#) including parental controls, fact-checking information, communicating with family and friends while social distancing is in place and taking regular breaks from the screen
- [Thinkuknow](#) is the education programme from the National Crime Agency (NCA) providing age-appropriate resources for children and support for parents
- [Parent Info](#) is a collaboration between Parentzone and the NCA providing support and guidance for parents from leading experts and organisations
- [Childnet](#) provides a tool kit to support parents and carers of children of any age to start discussions about their online life, to set boundaries around online behaviour and technology use, and to find out where to get more help and support
- [Internet Matters](#) provides age-specific online safety checklists, guides on how to set parental controls on a range of devices and a host of practical tips to help children get the most out of their digital world
- [LGfL](#) provides support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online, including 6 top tips to keep primary aged children safe online
- [Net Aware](#) provides support for parents and carers from the NSPCC and O2, providing a guide to social networks, apps and games
- [Let's Talk About It](#) provides support for parents and carers to keep children safe from online radicalisation
- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#) provides tips, advice, guides and resources to help keep children safe online, including parental controls offered by home internet providers and safety tools on social networks and other online services

Age-appropriate practical support on reporting concerns is available from:

- [Childline](#) - for support
- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#) - to report and remove harmful online content
- [CEOP](#) - for advice on making a report about online abuse

Important contacts:

Contact Telephone number: 01772 600431

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