

# Benfieldside Primary Newsletter September 2020



**Dear Parents and Carers,**

Welcome to the September newsletter- the first one of the academic year. It has been a fantastic start to the school term, as it has been brilliant to have the children back with us after such a lengthy National Lockdown. The children have shown great resilience and are really engaging with their learning and their exciting new topics. We have welcomed four new families to main school, in addition to those of our Reception and Nursery pupils. **We hope that they will be very happy here.**

**Best wishes, Mrs Addison Headteacher.**

## Important Update: Home Learning Arrangements:

If your child or a member of your household has Covid19 symptoms, they must stay off school and follow NHS advice. We know how important it is that our pupils don't miss any more learning than is absolutely necessary. Our teachers have supplied 'home learning' activities for every class and these can be found on our website, on the relevant class pages. Our ambition is to launch Class Dojo so that children can login, access work and activities to do at home and the teachers can login, review the work and give the children feedback. so we ask for your patience on this. Once it is ready, the teachers will use the portfolios within Class Dojo to set homework tasks, in order to familiarise the pupils with the access arrangements. Should we then have to partially or fully close at any point this winter, the children should be able to stay in better touch with their teachers and receive more regular feedback and advice to support their learning. A letter with instructions for parents will follow as soon as possible.



**My Maths:** Did you know that our pupils can access My Maths at home? With your permission they can login as **benfieldside** with the password **square10**

Each **class page** on our website has the current topic plans for every subject area. This is great if you want to see what your child is learning about and what is coming up. The **curriculum page** of the website has the plans for each year group for all three terms of the year. Please have a look and see what exciting learning opportunities we have planned.

**Please ensure that your child's clothing, PE kit and coat are all clearly labelled- this helps us to reunite them with their owners if they go astray!**

**Inhalers:** please ensure that if your child has an inhaler in school that it is in date. If your child has a new inhaler please let Mrs Coombe know.

For Health and Safety reasons, we can only administer prescribed medicines and only when the associated form has been completed at the office.



THANK YOU



Please support us with our reading initiative, by enjoying books and other reading materials with your child/children as often as possible.

We will continue to present our weekly Reading Trophy in Friday assembly.

Thank you for your support.



### Safeguarding:

Safeguarding and Child Protection concerns can be shared with our Senior Designated Person (DSP) and the four Deputy DSPs, who will listen, advise, or report as appropriate.

Mrs Addison- DSP

Mrs Rowell -Deputy DSP Miss Clarkson -Deputy DSP

Mrs Coombe- Deputy DSP Mr Wright - Deputy DSP

Please be aware that any parents or carers who are worried about a risk of significant harm to a child can share their concerns by contacting First Contact on 03000267979 **All Benfieldside staff are L1 safeguarding trained.** Our Safeguarding Governor is Mrs Knapp.

Please view our website

[www.benfieldside.durham.sch.uk](http://www.benfieldside.durham.sch.uk) and/or follow us on [Twitter@BenfieldsidePr1](https://twitter.com/BenfieldsidePr1)

### Accelerated Reader:

Please return any books that you still have at home - we need to quarantine them for 72 hours before they can be used again and we need to make sure we have enough for all pupils to change their books regularly. Thank you.



### Autumn Term Parent Consultations:

The teachers will be sending you a brief written summary of how your child has settled back into school and their learning. You will also receive a Literacy and Mathematics Target for them. This is because current DfE guidance does not permit us to have parents and carers accessing the school building for face to face meetings, due to Covid19 restrictions. Thank you in advance for your support and understanding with this matter- we know it is not ideal and we very much look forward to a time when we can invite and welcome parents and carers into our school again. As always, please contact the school office to make an appointment for a telephone call with your child's classteacher if you have concerns or questions. We are here to help and are happy to do so.

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Can my child go to school today?

Do they have any **COVID Symptoms?**

- a **high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a **new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a **loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Yes

They have a COVID symptom

No

They do not have a COVID symptom

**Self Isolate and Book a COVID Test**

Book the test online or call 119

All members of the household should stay at home until the test result is known.\*

Do they have **diarrhoea or vomiting?**

No

They do not have diarrhoea or vomiting

Yes

They have diarrhoea or vomiting

Do they feel unwell?

It is important that parents keep children at home when they are unwell

No

They do not feel unwell

Yes

They feel unwell

**Send to School**

So long as your child feels well, has not been told to self-isolate and there are no other household members with COVID symptoms, it is OK for them to attend school.

**Keep at Home**

- Remain off school until they feel well enough to return. Seek medical help from a GP if needed (or 111 if your surgery is closed).
- Remain off school until at least 48 hours after the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting. A COVID test is not required for diarrhoea and vomiting without the other symptoms above.

\* Visit gov.uk for advice on when to stop isolating and return to school after a positive or negative test.

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Guidance changes regularly, visit nhs.uk for the most up-to-date advice.

### DATA SHEETS:

The School Office will shortly be issuing the data sheets- please check and return them as soon as possible so that we have your correct and up to date information.

THANK YOU! 😊