



Brighstone C.E Aided Primary School

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New school year 2021-2022

Dear parents and carers,

I would like to start this letter by welcoming everyone back after the summer break. I hope that you managed to have some time to relax and have fun with friends and family. Some of you may have ventured to the mainland (or even abroad), while some may have stayed closer to home, enjoying what the island has to offer. Whatever you chose to do, I hope that you all managed to keep safe and well.

I thank you for your understanding and support over the last year and a half of turbulence, including school closures and remote education, as well as the systems that we had in place. We are all keen for everything to go back to normal, and original systems in school are back in place; however, we still have to remain vigilant as a school community.

Risk assessment and outbreak management plan

I have put our updated 'Covid risk assessment and outbreak management plan' on the school website: <https://www.brighstoneprimary.org.uk/covid-19/> Please do take the time to read this, as it contains important information about our health and safety measures as well as guidance from the Department for Education. It will be updated as and when required, and we will keep you informed of any changes. The main 'headline' is that bubbles are now longer required, meaning that whole school events (such as Collective Worship) can now take place. Parents and other visitors are allowed in school, but certain measures will still be in place (e.g. a limited number of parents sitting socially distanced where possible).

Drop-off and collection arrangements

We will maintain the current one-way system at drop-off and home time (enter via the back gate accessed on Warnes Lane, and exit via the front gate on New Road). This system was found to be much safer for the children, enabled school staff to greet each child personally (good for wellbeing) and ensured that children entered the classroom calmly and ready to learn. We ask that parents continue to maintain social distancing as much as possible while waiting to drop-off and collect their children.

The timings remain the same:

8.15am Gates open. Children walk around the school field and enter their classrooms. We ask that children don't run around on the playground.

8.25am School starts.

2.40pm Gates open.

2.45pm Home time.

- Y6 children will enter via their external door by the front gate.
- Children enter their classrooms and go immediately to wash their hands.
- Parents exit the playground via the front gate.
- If you wish, you can drop your child off at the back gate where a member of staff will greet them. They can then independently walk around the field to the playground where they will be greeted by another member of staff.

- To avoid congestion at the classroom doors in the morning, please send any non-urgent messages to the class or school office email, or contact the school office on 740285.

Classes and staffing

Class	Year group	Teacher	LSA
Koala Class	Reception and Year 1	Mrs Kirsti Cousins	Miss Lyn Goddard
Polar Bear Class	Year 2	Miss Clare Sztypuljak (Tues, Wed and Fri) Mrs Sue Boyd (Mon and Thurs)	Miss Jody Bacon (am) Miss Sharon Moore (pm)
Lemur Class	Year 3 and Year 4	Miss Hannah Newman	Miss Summer Pelosi
Chimpanzee Class	Year 4 and Year 5	Miss Grace Smith	Mr Harrison Burnett
Orangutan Class	Year 6	Mrs Samantha Sharp	Mrs Lorraine Eggleton Mrs Tina Dunn

Mrs Linzi Denness will be teaching some Science lessons across KS1 and KS2, and Mrs Fiona Johnstone (cover teacher) will be teaching some lessons in Y3/4 and Y4/5. Mr Ash Goldsmith will continue to teach PE across the school.

You will notice a couple of further staffing changes. We say a sad goodbye to Mrs Mary Snow who has decided to embark on a different journey in her life, and Miss Leah Hancott who was unable to take the role due to personal circumstances. We wish them the very best for their future. We extend a very warm Brighstone welcome to Miss Clare Sztypuljak (she pronounces it Steeplejack as this is easier for the children!) and Mr Harrison Burnett. Welcome to the Brighstone team!

Communication

Class newsletters and topic webs will be sent home this week, with information about PE days, homework, learning and more. Information is also available on our school Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/BrighstoneCEPrimarySchool/> and our school website: <https://www.brighstoneprimary.org.uk/>

You can contact the school via the office:

Telephone: 740285

Email: office@brighstoneprimary.org.uk

Text: Teachers 2 Parents

New email addresses for teachers have been set up for any occasion where you need to contact the class teacher directly:

koala@brighstoneprimary.org.uk

polar@brighstoneprimary.org.uk

lemur@brighstoneprimary.org.uk

chimpanzee@brighstoneprimary.org.uk

orangutan@brighstoneprimary.org.uk

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Once again, we thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to seeing you all bright and breezy tomorrow morning!

Best wishes,

Mrs Rebecca Lennon and the Brighstone team