



Brindishe Federation Newsletter

Friday 19th January 2024



Online Safety Bulletin

Being Unkind Online

It can be very easy online for children to behave in a way that they wouldn't if they were face to face with each other. Talk to your child about how they speak to others online and encourage them to talk to people online with respect and kindness, like they would if they were face-to-face.

How they act online should be how they behave on the school playground when they are following school rules. Here are some examples of what being unkind looks like online:

- Sending nasty or hurtful messages
- Leaving unkind comments
- Sharing photographs of somebody else without their permission
- Excluding somebody on purpose
- Impersonating somebody with a fake account
- Telling/sharing lies

The above might happen whilst your child is gaming online or whilst using social media or messaging apps e.g. WhatsApp.

What should I do if my child is being bullied online?

Ensure that your child understands that if they receive unkind messages or see something that worries them, they should not reply or engage in conversation with the perpetrator. Instead, they should tell a trusted adult. You can use the tools within an app to report any offensive or hurtful content as well as block people so they cannot contact you again in the future.

Further information <https://www.esafety.gov.au/kids/i-want-help-with/how-do-i-know-if-im-being-mean-online>

Brindishe Staff Training - PREVENT

Last Wednesday, as part of our safeguarding training, all staff across the Brindishe Federation (including premises, IT, admin, lunchtime playleaders and wrap around care) took part in some vital bi-annual training from Lewisham. The Lewisham Prevent programme is a borough-wide initiative between Lewisham, the police and other key agencies and communities to deter extremism and support vulnerable people.

What is Prevent?

Prevent is part of the national counter-terrorism strategy and aims to stop people being drawn into or supporting terrorism. The strategy focuses on three key areas which are:

- respond to the ideological challenge of terrorism and the threat from those who promote it
- prevent people from being drawn into terrorism and ensure that they are given appropriate advice and support
- work with sectors and institutions where there are risks of radicalisation that we need to address.

If you would like to know more about Lewisham Prevent Programme, please visit the Lewisham website or contact a Senior Leader through emailing the school office.

Brindishe Schools Music Tuition

Brindishe Schools are looking to improve and extend their music tuition offer for our children. Currently, we offer a range of music tuition for a variety of instruments and singing, but we are keen to expand this.

Do you know someone who is a self-employed music tutor or a company that can offer a range of musical instrument tuition? If so, we'd love to hear from you.

Please contact Nikki Tatler (Brindishe Schools Procurement Manager) by emailing NiTatler@brindisheschools.org.



School Meals Spring Term Update Reminder

As you would have seen from our separate communication, we will be letting you and your child **CHOOSE their meal choice on a daily basis**. So, if you choose to have school dinners on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and on Friday have a packed lunch, that is fine. The teacher will ask your child each day for their choice when taking the register. We hope, that ALL children, will want school dinners everyday...

BUT.....if you decide to choose on a daily basis, please ensure your child knows each day if they are having a school meal or a packed lunch. You will need to let your child know what the choice is for each day which can be found on the school websites.

If your child is having a packed lunch, please ensure they bring it to school with them in the morning. If your child has allergies you must contact the school office and complete a Special Diet Referral Form which can be found within the Radish Welcome Letter on the school website.

If you want to know more about Radish, school meals, allergy menus etc, please go to the virtual office on the school website.

If you can't find what you are looking for, please contact Clare Doran:

E: schoolmeals@brindisheschools.org

M: 07943 041790

Governing Body

If you would like to attend a Brindishe Federation Governing Body meeting, please email our Chair of Governors, Liz Murphy - lmurphy@brindisheschools.org. Our third meeting of this academic year is on **Tuesday 6th February at 6pm** at Brindishe Manor School.

Key Federation Dates

- End of Term – **Friday 9th February**
- Half Term – **Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February**
- Children return to school – **Monday 19th February**
- Secondary Offer Day – **Friday 1st March**

Brindishe Schools Vacancies

Brindishe Green: Family Support Lead

Brindishe Green School, Beacon Road, London, SE13 6EH

Salary: Scale 5 (points 13-15) £32,205 - £33,204

Hours: 35 per week, 42 weeks, typically 8.30am - 4.30pm

The post is full time and is subject to satisfactory 6 month probation period

We are recruiting for a full time **Family Support Lead at Brindishe Green School**, a Lewisham Local Authority Primary School, starting on Monday 19th February 2024.

Brindishe Green is a community school where learning together is seen as a very important part of the education that we offer. We are a very friendly team, working in a highly supportive environment where individual differences are welcome and teamwork is highly valued. The school is arranged on three floors with our youngest children on the ground floor. Though the building might look traditional, we use it in a modern way. Each class uses their own classroom and a range of shared areas outside of this environment depending on the curriculum area or the type of learning in which they are involved. You might imagine this creates a lot of noise as children move around our large building. In fact it doesn't – Brindishe Green is a very quiet and calm school. Children learn in a calm and considerate way and behave responsibly.

At Brindishe Green we are looking for applicants who have experience of working with primary school aged children and their families. We are looking for a well-educated, flexible and confident person who is looking for a role in which they can make a real difference to the lives of our children and their families. Knowing our families and how best we can support is the key to making this role a success.

The post involves:

- Managing the school's Attendance and Welfare programme
- Providing pastoral support to pupils and families
- Supporting the development of pupil voice across the school
- Designated professional for Child Protection
- Being responsible for establishing inclusive practice in the school

We are looking for someone who:

- has experience of working with children and families in a school or educational setting
- can read and write fluently, have very good spelling and are confident in maths (at least GCSE or equivalent in maths and English)
- can demonstrate quiet initiative, self-confidence, common sense and maturity
- use IT confidently

Hither Green, our closest mainline station, is only a few stops from Charing Cross, Waterloo and London Bridge mainline station or a 20 minutes' walk from Lewisham station

Further Information

Complete an application form and return to rwaite@brindisheschools.org. These can be found on the school website.

If you would like to visit to look around or have a conversation about the role before applying please phone Rachel Waite, Executive Headteacher on 07508 868726

Please apply by midday on **Tuesday 30th January 2024**.

Interviews will be held on **Thursday 1st February 2024**.