

Brindishe Lee Newsletter  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021  
Headteacher: Ms Maxine Sebire



Dear families, governors, staff and friends,

What a difference a week makes with the weather, wet and windy but it didn't dampen our spirit here at Brindishe Lee. A few highlights this week include the successful Year 4 trip to Eltham Palace, Year 5 Bikeability training as well as the smiles on the children's faces when using the new and improved facilities in our new Tech Hub.

A huge thank you to all the parents/carers who have kindly donated rice for 'Helping Hands Foodbank' in Lee. Your support is very much appreciated.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend!  
Kind regards,  
Ms Sebire and the Brindishe Lee Team.

#### INSET Days and The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

An INSET day is a day in the year, where all staff are required to attend school for training or to complete administrative tasks. **Children do not attend school on these days.** This academic year, our INSET days as a federation are as follows:

- INSET 1: Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021
- INSET 2: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021
- INSET 3: Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2021
- INSET 4: Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022
- INSET 5: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Next year, there is an additional Bank Holiday to celebrate **The Queen's Platinum Jubilee**. Nationally this will be on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. As this date falls during the summer half term break, schools have been advised to take this day at another time. **Therefore, school will be closed on Monday 6th June 2022 to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.**

#### Parent/Carer Meet the Teacher – [Booking an appointment goes live on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October](#)

Our *meet the teacher* appointments will soon be available for you to book. These will be held virtually in October.

#### #HelloYellow – World Mental Health Day

Brindishe Lee are planning to join thousands of schools, offices and communities on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October** by taking part in #HelloYellow. As a school we will be raising awareness and vital funds to support YoungMinds this World Mental Health Day. We are asking the community to dig out your neon socks, custard scarf and banana hat - let's show young people they're not alone with their mental health! All donations will go to YoungMinds. Thank you for your support and kindness.



### F@B - Pizza event on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October

Please refer to the attachment detailing a fun family event.

### Wet Weather

Please can you ensure your children dress appropriately for colder and wetter weather. If your child wears wellington boots to school, please send them in with another pair of shoes/trainers to change into. This is because children find them uncomfortable to wear when sitting on the carpet, playing in the playground or climbing on the equipment. Please remember to label all your child's clothing to ensure they are easily identifiable and can be reunited with your child when misplaced.

### Online Safety Message

#### BRECK Principles

Being a parent to a child of the digital generation can be challenging. The Breck Foundation work with parents and carers to educate them about the dangers of online grooming to help them educate and empower their children to make better decisions to stay safer online. At the Brindishe Schools, we follow the Breck Principles in school to help children keep themselves safe online. To learn more about the story of Breck and where these come from, visit <https://www.breckfoundation.org/parents-carers>.

### Bug Club

Brindishe Schools have acquired a reading programme called Bug Club that we'd like to share with you. This will be familiar to some of our families as we used it in Early Years and Key Stage 1 last year. However, this year we have extended our use and we can now access the programme for children from Reception to Year 6. Further information will follow with regards to what Bug Club is and how you can access it.



### Important Dates:

- **INSET Days** – Please refer to the INSET box above
- **Parent Meetings (online)** – Booking an appointment goes live on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October**
  - **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October** Meetings will run from 3.40pm – 6.00pm
  - **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October** Meetings will run from 3.40pm – 5.00pm
  - **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October** Meetings will run from 3.40pm – 6.00pm
- **Census Day Menu** - Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October
- **Half Term Break** - Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October
- **Winter Break** - Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2022



**COVID UPDATES - PLEASE READ THIS INFORMATION**

Please see below a copy of the decision chart to support you in knowing what to do if your child or another member of your household is exposed to Covid-19 in the coming weeks.

What do I do if.....	What ACTION is needed?	When can I RETURN to school?
My child is ill with symptoms not linked to Covid-19: <b>Sore throat, runny nose, headache, tummy ache, chicken pox, tonsillitis, sickness, diarrhoea</b>	Follow the usual School Absence Policy	When the child is feeling better <b>or 48 hours</b> if the illness is sickness/diarrhoea
My child has one or more of the 3 main Covid-symptoms: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>HIGH TEMPERATURE</b> – this means feeling hot to the touch on the chest or back</li> <li>• <b>A NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH</b> – this means coughing for more than an hour, or having 3 or more episodes in 24 hours</li> <li>• <b>A LOSS OR CHANGE TO SENSE OF SMELL OR TASTE</b> – this means being unable to taste or smell as usual</li> </ul>	<p align="center"><b><u>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL</u></b></p> <p align="center">Contact school to inform us</p> <p align="center">Obtain a PCR test</p> <p align="center">Self-isolate until results are known</p> <p align="center">Siblings <b>who have no symptoms</b> should continue to attend school</p>	On receipt of a negative test result and when your child is well enough to attend
My child tests <b>positive</b> for Covid-19	<p align="center"><b><u>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL</u></b></p> <p align="center">Contact the school to inform us, stating the earliest possible date of return</p> <p align="center">Engage fully with NHS Test and Trace</p> <p align="center">Engage with remote learning if your child is well enough to do so</p>	<p>After the applicable isolation period and when your child is well enough to attend</p> <p>Children can return after 10 days' even if the cough and loss of taste/smell remains. This can last for weeks</p>
My child tests <b>negative</b> for Covid-19	Contact school to inform us	...same day/next day and when they are well enough to return
Someone in my house is ill with Covid-19 symptoms	<p align="center">Obtain PCR tests for everyone in your household and advise all close contacts of the person with symptoms to do the same</p> <p align="center">If your child(ren) have no symptoms of Covid-19 they should continue to attend school while awaiting the test result. If your child(ren) have symptoms, they must self-isolate for the required period or until a negative PCR test result is received.</p> <p align="center">A person is only required to isolate if they are over the age of 18 years and 6 months <b>and</b> are <b>not</b> double vaccinated. Any person who is double vaccinated or is under the age of 18 years and 6 months are not required to isolate <b>unless</b> they test positive or have 1 or more of the 3 main symptoms of Covid 19.</p>	
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NHS Test & Trace has identified my child as being in close contact of someone with symptoms confirmed as Covid-19	<p>Obtain a PCR test for your child</p> <p>If your child has no symptoms of Covid-19 they should continue to attend school while awaiting the test result. If your child has symptoms, they must self-isolate for the required period or until a negative PCR test result is received.</p> <p>A person is only required to isolate if they are over the age of 18 years and 6 months <b>and</b> are <b>not</b> double vaccinated. Any person who is double vaccinated or is under the age of 18 years and 6 months are not required to isolate <b>unless</b> they test positive or have 1 or more of the 3 main symptoms of Covid 19.</p>	
Someone other than NHS Test and Trace has informed me that I am a close contact of someone who has tested positive for Covid-19	<p>Obtain a PCR test for your child</p> <p>If your child has no symptoms of Covid-19 they should continue to attend school while awaiting the test result. If your child has symptoms, they must self-isolate for the required period or until a negative PCR test result is received.</p> <p>A person is only required to isolate if they are over the age of 18 years and 6 months <b>and</b> are <b>not</b> double vaccinated. Any person who is double vaccinated or is under the age of 18 years and 6 months are not required to isolate <b>unless</b> they test positive or have 1 or more of the 3 main symptoms of Covid 19.</p>	
We/my child has travelled and needs to self-isolate as a period of quarantine	<p>Do not take unauthorised leave in term-time</p> <p>Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel</p> <p>Return from a destination when quarantine is needed</p> <p>Agree an earliest possible date for return</p>	...the quarantine period has been completed