



Dear Parents / Carers

As I sit in my office writing this final letter, it is hard to believe the year we have all had. We have become accustomed to living in the moment with the fear that bubble closures, school closures and changes in restrictions are looming just around the corner. We asked you to help us keep everyone safe and you have done by taking children for PCR tests, isolating and supporting your children with home learning. You all worked with us through the difficult times and I cannot thank you enough for all your co-operation with this. We have together made it to the end of term and freedom day is in sight! I hope that next year will be a smoother one with less disruption for us all and a more normal school life for the children. It is so important for children to be in school for their mental wellbeing, for their learning and for the fun interaction they have with their friends every day.

As you will know, we have now been officially informed that we can remove the 'bubble' system from September. This was the news I have been waiting for and the 'bubble' system is one I have been waiting to "pop" for some time. Having our school back together again and interacting as a community is something we have all longed for over this past year. With this news we can change back to life before COVID restrictions - I only hope that we can all remember what life was really like.

We return on Thursday 2nd September and school will start at 8:55am for ALL children. The doors will not open until 8:45am ready for registration at 8:55am PROMPT. After this time, all doors will be closed and your child will be considered late; they will then need to be signed in at the office by a parent/carer. Children do find it very distressing walking into class late and it does impact on their learning so please try to avoid being late as much as possible. Children must be supervised prior to the doors opening and can I remind you that ball games are not permitted before school on the playground. Teachers will open the doors and welcome the children in:

- Reception via the Reception door
- Year 1 & 2 via the KS1 ramp
- KS2 via the KS2 ramp

School finishes at 3:25pm and all children must be collected from the relevant playground with the exception of children in Year 5 / 6 who have signed parental permission to walk home (Forms will be sent home in the first week of the new academic year.)



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In September we will, once again, have high volumes of traffic around school both in the morning and afternoon. Therefore, can I please ask you all to be considerate to the neighbouring houses and under no circumstances park on the zig zag lines.

School Uniform is available through our stockist; Ann's Schoolwear in Bacup. Children will remain in PE kit on PE days in September as detailed in the letter earlier this week. It is essential that children wear the correct PE kit and no hoodies should be worn.

Please continue sending your child with a reading folder (available at Ann's Schoolwear) into school and NOT backpacks. Unfortunately, we do not have room to store them and children will be disappointed if we have to tell them that they are not allowed. We will go back to providing pens and pencils, therefore children will not need to bring in a pencil case. We have found that pencil cases can be very distracting for some of our younger children and we have limited storage space.

We will also be returning to offering a range of exciting clubs for the children and we will have a specialist music teacher working with the school for one day a week in September. Our club details will be sent out in September to enable you to book your child on.

Thank you to all the parents who have notified BEST club about requiring provision before and after school. In the morning, children will enter BEST club via the door on the junior yard and in the evenings collect from the junior ramp door. Bev will be on hand at the start of the new year to help you find your way so please do not worry.

This term, we have managed to have our class sports days, the Year Six have filmed a fantastic leavers assembly which will be available on the school website shortly and the children have had fun activities to celebrate the end of the year. The children have shown great resilience and determination throughout the year and have been truly deserving of their special limited edition Bee badges. I have really enjoyed seeing the children with their new Bee Badges on and wearing them with such pride. I only wish I had enough to give one to each of you as well!

Finally, I would like to thank all the teachers and support staff for their dedication and hard work this year. They have moved mountains at times this year showing the true Britannia Bee spirit and I am grateful for all they have done this year.

I hope you all have a lovely summer, the sun shines and the children and staff return back to school refreshed.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Longstaff and the Britannia team.