



Dear Parents/Guardians

I am writing to inform you about our plans for a socially distanced picnic for the children in order to mark the end of the school year for **all classes** and to provide the children with the opportunity to spend some time with their peers and their current teachers. As a school, we feel that this will be an important step for the children in supporting their transition back to school this September and will provide a must needed visit to the school environment.

During the socially distanced picnic, the children will also receive a book which they will be expected to share with their families over the summer break. This book will be the basis of the English learning on their return to school in September. The book must return to school with your child on their first day back in September. I am sure that you can appreciate that buying a book for each child has been at a significant cost to the school. However, we feel this will allow your child to be excited and feel secure about returning back to school. If the book is not returned a £5 charge will be placed on Parent Pay to be paid within 14 days.

The socially distanced picnic is not compulsory and school will respect any decisions that each family makes based upon their individual circumstances. However, we do ask that if your child will not be attending that you contact school via email to inform us at bursar@britannia.lancs.sch.uk.

Each picnic will take place on the school field for the duration of 45 minutes. The school field will be accessed through the main gate and each picnic will be weather dependent so we are hoping for sunshine! The children must attend school appropriately dressed for the weather conditions. Please send a bin bag or plastic bag with your child to sit on as the grass will most likely be wet. If the weather is inclement we will have to cancel at short notice. If possible we will re-arrange.

Days and Times of Class Picnics

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Date	16.7.20	15.7.20	13.7.20	10.7.20	15.7.20	14.7.20	14.7.20	16.7.20
Arrival	10.45	10.45	10.45	10.45	12.15	12.15	10.45	1.15pm
Collection	11.30	11.30	11.30	11.30	1pm	1pm	11.30	2.30pm
Staff	Mrs Isherwood Mrs Bromley	Miss Birch Miss Long	Mrs Seamans Miss Halstead	Miss Rothwell Miss Moores Miss Nestor	Mr Toddington Miss Caulcutt	Mrs Nuttall Mrs Lord	Miss Holmes Mrs Broadbelt	Miss Connolly Mrs Taylor Mrs Hart



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Arrival and Collection Procedures

- Children must arrive at designated time (no earlier or later) and adhere to the distance markings on the school drive when queueing to enter the school field. The planned route is walking up the pavement and down the other side of the school drive following the arrows.
- Children will be welcomed at the gates by a member of staff and shown to their socially distanced place on the school field. The children will be put into bubbles of no more than 15 and school will adhere to the 1m + guidelines that the government has set. The teacher will remain at a 2m distance from all the children at all times.
- We ask that parents walk or cycle to school if possible and that parents do not congregate at the school gates and bottom of the school drive before, during or after the picnic. This is to keep everybody safe and avoid any risk of transmission within the community.
- The children in the year groups in school will be brought out to the picnic by their allocated teacher and shown to their place.
- At the end of the picnic we would ask that parents wait on the socially distanced marks on the school drive until their child is called and then move swiftly away following the planned route markings. Parents will not be allowed onto school premises or school field. Unfortunately, staff will not be available to talk to parents as their main focus will be on the children and keeping everybody safe.

Food and Drink

- Children who are attending for the picnic only must bring their own packed lunch. They will take their rubbish home at the end of the picnic with them.
- Children who are in school already on school dinners will be provided with a picnic lunch on this day in a paper bag which will be given to them prior to the start of the picnic.
- We ask for parents' support in carefully considering the content of the picnic they send in so that children can manage to open things independently without adult assistance. As all staff are currently with children in school, we have to ensure that social contact is kept to an absolute minimum.
- Year 6 children will be provided with a buffet style leavers lunch from the school kitchen.

Toileting

Please ensure that your child uses the toilet before they arrive at school. Access to toilets will be emergency only and there will be no hand washing facilities available. Therefore, children may wish to bring their own hand sanitiser. Some hand sanitiser will be made available on entry to the school grounds.

PE kits and Reading Books

In order for schools to prepare for September, we are asking parents to return any reading books and place them in the designated box at the end of the school drive after dropping off your child. These will be quarantined until September. Please put your child's name on a piece of paper inside the book so we can tick off the returned books on our reading records.

PE kits will also be available for collection on this day and they will be hung on the school fence. Please wash this kits immediately as it has been in school over the past few months.



If your child displays any of the symptoms of Coronavirus or if the household are currently self – isolating your child should not attend the picnic and we will make alternative arrangements for them to receive their book.

We hope that these picnics will spread a little joy before the summer holidays. We are looking forward to all children returning to school in September. I will be in touch very soon to inform you of our plans.

Stay safe and keep smiling.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Longstaff