



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to a new academic year at Britannia and thank you for all your co-operation with the adaptations that have been made in school. We really do appreciate all your patience whilst we are getting used to the new school routines especially the end of the day routine. It has been lovely to see all the children back in school smiling and learning again. Our Britannia family is now starting to feel more complete. I know the staff have enjoyed getting to know their new classes and they have been very pleased with how quickly children have settled back into school life. They have adapted well and have listened carefully to instructions about the new systems - they truly are a credit to you all.

I would like to say a special welcome to our new Reception parents and new families to our school community and I am sure that you will all support them in getting to know the school even in these unusual times. As headteacher, I am very aware that over the course of the next academic year you may have questions about lots of different situations which as always we will endeavour to help you with via contacting the office.

#### What happens in the event of a positive case in school?

As you are aware, we have created four bubbles. EYFS, Year 1 and 2, Year 3 and 4 and Year 5 and 6. In the event of a positive case in school, we will be instructed to close down a whole bubble. This bubble will then need to isolate for 14 days and you will receive further guidance in the form of a letter from school. It is essential that you have access to the School Spider APP and that you are receiving messages, as messages will be sent through the APP. If you are having any problems with accessing this, then please contact the school office for further help and support.

You can help us by ensuring that the children are not using the park before and after school as this may mean that they have had direct contact with another bubble and may have an impact upon when they have to isolate. We are asking for your support with this in order to keep any potential disruption to learning to a minimum.

In order to help prepare for a partial closure of school, we will shortly be sending home an English workbook for Year 1 to Year 6 and a phonics workbook for Reception Class, a maths workout book and a school exercise book. This is not to be completed unless requested to by the child's class teacher. **If a bubble was to close, the home learning would be made available on the school website.** The class teachers would stay in close contact with each child and work would be expected to be uploaded and returned to the teacher. This week, we will ensure all passwords are given to each child for websites such as Mathletics, Times Tables Rock star, School Spider, Oxford Owls etc. Work will also be placed on the school website under the home learning page and this will be completed for each class. If your child is isolating, then this work will also be made available to you.



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In addition to this we are also in the process of looking into other platforms for home learning and we will share further details of this when appropriate.

We need to have two different plans in place:

1. A partial closure of school with one or more bubbles closing.
2. Your child is self-isolating because they have been exposed to a positive case outside of school.

For plan 1 we will have a whole class approach.

For plan 2 the work will be made available to you on the first day of their isolation.

If your child is poorly or has symptoms and/or is awaiting the results of a test, there will be no home learning provided as is usual in school. However, you may wish to look at the school webpage under home learning and/or the Oak Academy webpage. Thank you for your support during these difficult times. If your child does become unwell with Covid symptoms and you take them for a test outside of school hours, please email Mrs Longstaff on [head@britannia.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:head@britannia.lancs.sch.uk) to allow school to put the appropriate procedures in place.

Mrs Longstaff

Headteacher