



Dear Parents,

**Welcome back to the new school year.** It is good to see everyone, with the school coming to life once again with the sound and sight of children's voices and smiling faces. The children have quickly adjusted to all the new systems and are settling into their new classes, being with their friends, getting to know the adults who are supporting them and enjoying learning.

Whilst we have reduced the number of **visitors** into school and opportunities for parents to come in and see us, it is still important that we are in touch with each other. On a daily basis this maybe through:

- School email address [office@bowesprimaryelt.org](mailto:office@bowesprimaryelt.org)
- Office telephone. Southgate Green site 0208 211 9088  
New Southgate site 0208 368 2552

During the week after October half term our parent consultations will be via a phone call with the class teacher. More details will follow in the coming weeks.

### Dealing with suspected and confirmed cases of Coronavirus



Sadly, the Coronavirus hasn't gone away and it is important we stay **ALERT** and look after ourselves and each other. At all stages we follow the guidance given by the **Department for Education** and the **London Coronavirus Response Cell (LCRC)**, the details of which are on the front page of our school website. Our website also gives detail on how we are keeping everyone safe through our **Covid risk assessment**.

### How suspected and confirmed

- If your child has a **slight cold** (sniffles), they may attend school.
- If your child is full of cold (streaming nose and sneezing), they should remain at home as it is likely that they will be feeling unwell and may easily pass on their germs to others in school.
- If your child is full of cold and **develops** a new, continuous cough, **and/or** has a high temperature **and/or** loss or change to sense of smell or taste, they should not come into school and **should be tested** for Coronavirus. (*A new, continuous cough means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours.*)
- For any COVID **symptoms**, the child should **self-isolate** for at least 10 days **and household members** should self-isolate for 14 days. If the result is negative, the child may return to school if they do not have any other symptoms other than a cough or loss of sense of smell/taste. If they still have a high temperature, self-isolation should continue until the temperature is normal. Other members of the household should keep self-isolating for the full 14 days.
- If your child displays any of the COVID **symptoms** at school, he/she will need to be collected from school and the above steps will be followed.
- Should a symptomatic child's result be **positive**, then the class bubble will need to self-isolate for 14 days. Other than the symptomatic child's family needing to also self-isolate, the household members of others in the bubble do not need to self-isolate – unless they themselves develop symptoms.
- If the school has a confirmed case of Coronavirus, then the Health Protection Team will immediately be made aware. They will carry out a rapid risk assessment and will engage with the **NHS Test and Trace** to confirm who has been in close contact with the person during the period and will advise on action that needs to be taken.

### Communication with parents/carers

- It is highly likely that within our school community members of staff and pupils will need to self-isolate because they, or a member of their household, has **symptoms** of coronavirus. Similarly, if they have been contacted by Track and Trace. In these circumstances, there is no need for the school to inform parents as this will probably be a common occurrence.
- However, if any staff or pupil has tested **positive**, the school will contact Public Health England and will follow their directive on sharing information appropriately.

### Face Masks

- Government guidance states that primary school children **do not** need to wear a **face mask**. If you want your child to wear a face mask they will only be allowed to wear one in the corridors or in an outdoor space, **not the classroom**. For children who choose to wear a mask, staff are not expected to support a child in the taking off/putting on of the mask, or reminding them to put it on, if they take it off. All face masks should be labelled with your child's name and will need to be placed in a plastic bag (from home) when not being worn.

### Flu Vaccination

- The NHS are encouraging all primary children and staff in schools to have a flu vaccination for extra protection.

### Home learning

- Any child with a confirmed case of the Coronavirus, or needing to be in self isolation because of someone in the household with a confirmed case, will be provided with work to do at home.

**Paul Barraclough**  
Executive Headteacher

## Latest Covid-19 testing information

Dates	Enfield Testing Location
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	Edmonton Green (North car park), N9 OSN
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	Lodge Drive Car Park Palmers Green, N13 5UB
Fixed testing site - every day Drive through only	Lea Valley Athletic Centre Meridian Way, N9 OAR
Fixed testing site - every day from 8am until 8pm Walk through only	Raynham Road Car Park Edmonton, N18 2SJ

Most appointments are available between 10:30 – 15:30 on the testing dates. To book an appointment please visit the gov.uk self-referral booking portal – [www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested)

### Important information to note:

- Bookings will only become available after 8pm the night before the day you want to visit, trying to book before this time may result in your closest test centre not being displayed.
- The booking portal can become very busy, if you cannot get through on your first attempt, please keep trying as there will be plenty of spaces available.
- Mobile Testing Centres operate by appointment only, one appointment is required per person, e.g. if there are 4 people in 1 car that want to be tested, 4 appointments must be booked.
- If you do not have an appointment you are likely to be turned away and told to make an appointment online.
- Appointments for Edmonton Green and Lodge Drive are for drive in and walk in. When booking a 'walk in' appointment you will still be prompted to enter a car registration, please just select unknown in order to proceed with your booking.
- The Raynham Road Car Park site has capacity for walk-ins however, it is recommended that you always try to book your appointment first where possible. **A test without an appointment cannot be guaranteed.**

## Home School Agreement

We have revised our Home School Agreement, setting our expectations of how we can all keep each other safe. This can be viewed by clicking the link on the Home page of the school website, please have a read through. We have shared and discussed this with the classes this week.

## Fruit Snack and Water Bottles

Please ensure your child brings in their own named water bottle each day as the school water fountains are currently closed.

Children in Reception and Key Stage 1 will receive a fruit snack each day as part of the government School Fruit and Vegetable Programme. Children in Key Stage 2 can bring in a piece of fruit from home to eat during morning break time.



## Changing Meal Option

If your child would like to change from packed lunch to school dinners or vice versa they can do so from the first day of a term or half term.

Changes to lunch preferences can be sent by email to the school office [office@bowesprimaryelt.org](mailto:office@bowesprimaryelt.org).

Unfortunately, we are no longer able to allow children to have school dinners on a part-time basis, they must have school dinners or packed lunch Monday to Friday.

## Bounds Green Food Bank

### **New location:**

St Michael's Hall, 37 Bounds Green Road N22 8HE (on the corner of Selbourne Road)

From: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September, 6pm-8pm

Weekly Opening Times:

Monday evening, 6pm-8pm

Tuesday 2pm-4pm

Thursday 2pm-4pm

Only Food Donations accepted at these times:

Monday 4:30pm-8pm

Tuesday 12pm-2pm

Thursday 12pm-2pm

The Shaftesbury Hall venue has now closed, and **there will be no Food Bank on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September.**

## #DinoRide For Jago

You may remember back in June that we shared the sad news that one of our Bowes children, Jago (Year 1 now), has been diagnosed with an inoperable, non-curative brain tumour. Thank you to everybody who has supported Gabriele, Jago and Jago's twin sister, Imogen, since the diagnosis. The family are currently in Switzerland as part of Jago's treatment.

To continue to raise funds to support the family, 10 dads from Laurel and Magnolia Class are cycling from Bounds Green to Brighton (60 miles) on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September. Several of them are aiming to cycle back too! They have all been training this summer as they wish to raise a huge amount to give Jago the chance of further treatment, which could extend his life.

If you would like to sponsor the team please visit the 'gofundme' page <https://www.gofundme.com/f/Dino-Ride-For-Jago>

## School Uniform

Please remember to label all school uniform with your child's name and class so that items can be returned quickly.

## Parking

Please can all parents be considerate when parking near the school. Please do not park across the driveways of local residents blocking their access. Take the time to park further away in a more suitable space. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Term Dates 2020-21

Autumn Term 2020	
Half Term	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2020
Inset Day	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> November 2020
Last Day of Term	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2020
Spring Term 2021	
Inset Day	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2021
First Day of Term	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2021
Half Term	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2021
Last day of Term	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2021
Summer Term 2021	
First Day of Term	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2021
Half Term	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> May to Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2021
Inset Day	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2021
Last Day of Term	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2021