

Bredon Hill Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers

It has been an absolute pleasure to welcome back our pupils and to witness life return to Bredon Hill Academy. Children are back in the classroom and back with their friends. Our BHA community is ready for the next stage of our journey. Amidst the excitement of returning to school, we know that there will be some anxiety and we have measures in place to support this.

My sincerest thanks go to staff, governors and directors who have worked so hard to make the school as COVID-safe as it can be. We are all adjusting to the main changes, particularly with teachers moving from classroom to classroom, to the timings of the school day and to the staggered breaks and lunchtimes. I smiled when I saw Mr Bailey carrying an array of science equipment to the mobile block. He launched into his lesson to be told very politely by a Year 6 pupil that it was lunchtime and Lesson 4 wasn't due to start for another 20 minutes! Needless to say, we are all spending more time checking our timetables and our watches more than ever before.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support in the re-opening of school. All of our pupils look smart in their uniform and the vast majority are well equipped for learning. Thank you too for adhering to the drop-off and pick-up times. Despite the challenge of cars, buses and walkers using the same entrance and exit, the system seems to be working well.

International School Award

Bredon Hill Academy has been awarded the British Council's prestigious International School Award in recognition of its work to bring the world into the classroom.

The International School Award celebrates the achievements of schools that do exceptional work in international education. Fostering an international dimension in the curriculum is at the heart of the British Council's work with schools, so that young people gain the cultural understanding and skills they need for life in today's world.

This award recognises our active collaborations with our French and Austrian overseas partners, notably the College Alexandre Mauboussin and NMS St Michael, and the extensive pupils' engagement in international activities. The assessors were especially impressed by our work on the Sustainable Development Goals and the variety and the quality of the many outdoor learning opportunities developed within our Erasmus + project 'Let Us Grow Our Own Green Future'. They also recognised the 'admirable focus on Modern Foreign Languages' with the importance on language skills and cultural understanding in both French and German.

"We are very proud to have been re-accredited with the International School Award. Our pupils have a genuine curiosity about the wider world and they have developed real cultural knowledge and language skills as a result of our many international collaborations."

Anne Amzallag, International Coordinator.

Changes to Staffing

We would like to welcome Mrs Organ and Mrs Sidney who are joining our SEND department. Mrs Miles-Kingston will be teaching English and is our Mental Health and Well-Being Lead. Mr Sheridan will continue as our Cover Supervisor and will also join our Pastoral Support Team.

Curriculum

We aim to continue to offer our broad and balanced curriculum to all pupils in all year groups. However, with some more practical subjects such as PE, DT, Art, Music, Computing and Science there are restrictions in what we can do and how we manage the use of equipment. This will be reviewed as the term progresses and changes will be made as and when it is deemed safe to do so.

KS3 Enrichment on a Blue Wednesday afternoon has been temporarily suspended. Pupils in Years 7 & 8 will have an additional maths and English lesson. Where Computing cannot take place, pupils will have extra science lessons.

Timetables

We operate a two week timetable – a green week, followed by a blue week

The Calendar will be as follows:

Week beginning 7 th September 2020	Blue Week
Week beginning 14 th September 2020	Green Week
Week beginning 21 st September 2020	Blue Week
Week beginning 28 th September 2020	Green Week
Week beginning 5 th October 2020	Blue Week
Week beginning 12 th October 2020	Green Week
Week beginning 19 th October 2020	Blue Week
Week beginning 26 th October 2020	HALF TERM
Week beginning 2 nd November 2020	Green Week
Week beginning 9 th November 2020	Blue Week
Week beginning 16 th November 2020	Green Week
Week beginning 23 rd November 2020	Blue Week
Week beginning 30 th November 2020	Green Week
Week beginning 7 th December 2020	Blue Week
Week beginning 14 th December 2020	Green Week

Homework

Whilst pupils settle back into the routine of full-time school, there will be no formal homework set until the week beginning 21st September. Pupils will be expected to read daily.

Homework will be recorded in the pupil's planner and posted through our learning platform, SatchelOne. All homework will be completed using the platform, where pupils will be expected to upload their homework unless instructed otherwise by their teacher. Pupils will not be bringing their books home to complete homework. Teachers will review the learning and comment on the learning through the platform. We will issue SatchelOne usernames and passwords for Year 6 pupils and other new pupils in the coming weeks.

School uniform

A polite reminder that girls should wear white ankle socks or blue or black tights. Pupils may wear one pair of plain gold or silver earrings (one in each ear lobe).

Face Coverings

Pupils aged 11 or over must wear face coverings on all public service buses. The government advises that pupils aged 11 and above wear face coverings on dedicated school buses.

Staff and pupils may also wear face coverings in communal areas such as corridors. Your child will need to keep their face covering in a plastic bag in their school bag. Please ensure that coverings are changed or washed regularly.

School Lunches

From Monday 14th September, pupils will be able to order a pasta pot or a packed lunch during morning Form Time. The meal consists of either a baguette/sandwich or a pasta pot; a cake, yoghurt or piece of fruit and an orange/apple juice or a bottle of water.

Baguettes/Sandwiches:

Ham, cheese or tuna

Pasta Pots:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pasta Bolognese	Macaroni Cheese	Sausage Pasta	Creamy Chicken Pasta	Meatball Pasta

Cakes:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Doughnut	Iced Sponge	Chocolate Muffin	Shortbread	Chocolate Crispy Cake

Food orders will be delivered to the classroom.

Meals cost £2.60 and payments need to be made through ParentPay unless the pupil is entitled to free school meals.

School Attendance

If your child is at all unwell, please keep them at home and advise the school office that your child will be absent.

If your child or member of your family has COVID-19 symptoms, please keep your child at home and follow Government guidance to arrange a test. Current guidance states that if your child or anyone in your household shows symptoms, they must get tested as soon as possible and isolate for 10 days, starting from the first day of symptoms. The rest of the household will need to isolate for 14 days. Where anyone in your household tests positive, you will need to follow advice given. *Please inform school immediately of any of the above so that we can take the necessary action.*

If your child becomes unwell at school, we may have to contact you and ask you to collect them as soon as possible. Please make provision that someone is available to collect your child if necessary. If your child shows COVID-19 symptoms, no risk will be taken and we will contact you to collect your child immediately.

We will continue to follow government guidance and we are in contact with Worcestershire's Local Outbreak Response Team (L.O.R.T.).

School is a very busy place at the moment. Please be assured that we are doing everything we can to ensure our community is as safe as possible.

Once again, we do appreciate your on-going support.

Take care.

Debbie West

Miss D J West
Headteacher