

Beaconhill Primary School Newsletter

Week beginning 20th September 2021



September SMSC Theme – Identity

Pupils

The pupils have settled back to school really well; they look so smart in their new uniforms! Classrooms are purposeful and calm, which bodes well for a happy and successful year.

COVID Update

Although some restrictions have been lifted we must remain cautious when considering the safety of all site users. Please ensure sensible personal distancing on site, especially the 'drop and go' morning routine.

We are still maintaining many of the routines that we had in place last year, including good hand hygiene, increased ventilation and 'double bubbles' of year group pairs.

We note the removal of self-isolation for close contacts which means that if someone in the household tests positive, children should still attend school unless showing symptoms, in which case they should be PCR tested.

Please note that schools are no longer part of the track and trace process. We will not inform you of outbreaks in classes unless numbers are so significant that Public Health support has been sought.

This is the season of coughs and colds so please bear with us if we feel your child should not be in school. There have been two particularly virulent bugs recently, making it difficult for parents and staff to accurately understand if COVID is suspected.

Symptoms typically include:

- new, continuous cough
- temperature
- loss of taste / smell

In addition to this, however, the following symptoms have also been reported as possible indicators of COVID:

- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhoea

Home Learning

If your child is poorly, we do not expect them to engage with home learning. If they are recovering well, or asymptomatic, you may decide that home learning would be appropriate.

In this case, please look on the class web page for relevant learning activities which have been set by the class teachers. Class teachers may additionally send current class work home where relevant.

On their return to school children will be rapidly assessed, and catch-up processes will be put in place. Pupil log-ins are in their reading diaries.

If class teachers are absent, please contact school via the adm

We teach at the beach and make the most of our coast.

Spiritual, moral and social awareness theme for September.....Identity