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Dear Parents/Carers,

A big welcome to Bruno, Erin and Ophelia who have their first morning with us today. It was great to see them all quickly settle with our youngest Reception children and settle into their new environment brilliantly. Wednesday will see our final 5 new Year R join us and Friday this week will be their first full day all together.

Another thank you to all of you who have done very well at keeping social distances at drop-offs and pick-ups. Unfortunately, late arrivals are causing several cross-overs between the classes which of course adds to the number of people in the area at any one time. We will stick with the same system for the rest of this week and review it at the end of the week to see if a change is needed.

Thank you to those of you who have got in contact early to let us know about potential illness. Please be aware that you/your child will need to be tested should you develop any of the following (regardless of whether you have had/believe you have had Covid previously):

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

We are aware that booking a test at present is proving challenging. Please continue to keep trying and if you are unable to get a test in the first 5 days then the household will need to self-isolate for 14 days from the start of the symptoms.

Tonight the teaching staff are having training on the use of Google Classroom in the event of a localised lockdown requiring online learning for entire classes. For individual cases, the class teachers will be providing links to specific lessons, primarily using Oak Academy online. These will be sent to you via the class email accounts that were set up at the start of lockdown. Please be aware that the teachers are teaching throughout the day and will therefore get the work to you as soon as is reasonably possible. We will not be sending home online learning for usual 48hr illness, it will be sent in the event of a positive case or needing to isolate as part of a household.



...my child is ill with symptoms not linked to Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Ring on each day of illness. 	...after 48 hours following the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea (as per attendance policy)
...someone in my household has Covid-19 symptoms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Self-isolate the whole household. - Household member to get a test. - Inform school immediately about test result. 	...the test comes back negative.
...someone in my household tests positive for Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 14 days). - Self-isolate the whole household. 	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.
... I am unable to get a test for someone in the household who has symptoms	<i>If you are not able to get a test in the first 5 days of having symptoms, your child and anyone they live with must stay at home and self-isolate for 14 days. Anyone in your support bubble must also stay at home.</i>	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.

Most common questions for school attendance regarding Covid-19

Open Day for prospective new parents

Clearly this is not going to be possible in the same way as we have done previously. The children in Buzzards will not be able to show people around as this would involve them being in close proximity with someone outside of their bubble. We will be encouraging prospective parents to look at the school via the website and to speak to friends and family who know our setting. However, for some new parents to the area they will want to see the school physically to see if it is right for their child. We will be following our risk assessment and showing prospective parents around school by pre-booked appointment only. Parents will not be able to



enter the classrooms nor interact with the children in school. We will continually review this as we do with the entire risk assessment.

Parents' Evenings

Lots of schools are discussing the issue around traditional parents' evenings at present. A lot of schools are making the decision to move to written reports with telephone consultations with the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Coordinator (SENDCo) as required. As we already provide a written report already as part of our parents' evening offer, this is the route we will take unless the guidance changes.

Birthdays

Children can wear their own clothes for the day (or a day either side of the holiday) when it is their birthday. Please do not send the children in with cakes or sweets to share – clearly this is not in-keeping with our Covid-19 Risk Assessment. In its place, we thought that instead of sweets it would be a good idea to buy a book for the school/class. The children then present the book to the school in assembly before placing it in our school library. If there was a message inscribed it would keep reminding the child of their birthday every time either they, or a friend, borrow the book. The link below is an Amazon wish list where the staff and children have selected some books that they would like for school.

[Birthday Book wish list](#)

Please don't feel constrained by the list, nor feel you have to get them through Amazon – locally we have great bookshops in Arundel and Petworth both of which have a very good selection of children's books. It is also great to receive a book chosen by your child because it is something they are particularly interested in.

Please do add your views to <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>. It is incredibly helpful to us for you to share the positives of what is going on at Bury CE Primary; if you have the time and would like to share the good work we are doing then please do add your feedback. Excerpt below taken from ParentView website.

Parent View gives you the chance to tell Ofsted what you think about your child's school, from the quality of teaching to dealing with bullying and poor behaviour. The survey can be completed at any time; you don't have to wait until the school is being inspected.

We will use the information you provide when making decisions about which schools to inspect and when.

[Click 'Give your views'](#) to register and complete a survey to help your child's school improve.

It is parents' responsibility to inform the school of any changes to consent to administer medicine.



It is parents' responsibility to keep us informed of changes to your personal data and where the school process personal data solely on the basis that you have consented to the processing, you have the right to withdraw that consent.

Diary Dates

I will try to give you as much notice as possible about forthcoming events at school. We will try not to change dates and times, but sometimes we do need to due to circumstances beyond our control. Unfortunately, a lot of what we had planned for this term is currently under review. As we are able to confirm additional things we will let you know.

Please keep checking these dates and times as I will update them every week. New dates added are in bold.

Thursday September 3rd	INSET
Friday September 4th	INSET
Monday September 7th	INSET
26 th October – 30 th October	Half Term
21 st December	Start of Christmas Holidays
Saturday 16th January 2021!	Bury Wassail 3 – 6pm Canceled
Monday January 4 th	INSET
Monday May 4 th	INSET

Thank you for your continued support.

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