



Churchfields Infants' School Newsletter

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A big 'Hello' and 'Welcome' to all our new Nursery and Reception children and families who have now started their school journey here at Churchfields Infants and Nursery.

We have been SO impressed with all the children and by how well they have coped with the changes we have needed to implement, especially those who are returning after such a long time off. Hopefully you have been hearing from your children about everything in school, and that they are feeling safe and happy here. If they have any worries, then please let us know so we can talk to them about these.

Thank you so much to the vast majority of our families for all of your cooperation with the one-way system and other measures we have in place. We hope that you are getting used to our systems now.

Please remember that we are happy to answer any questions you may have, simply contact us via email or phone or have a quick chat with a member of the Senior Leadership Team in the playground.

Next Week

Please be aware that from Monday 21 September our Reception children will be joining us full time. This will mean an increase in adults on the school site, so please can we ask you to be extra careful and patient, especially when walking through the Reception playground.

Thank you once again for supporting us to be safe and wearing face coverings on our school premises.

It has really helped to reassure our staff and families that we are doing all we can to keep our school safe.



Contact Details

If you have changed any of your contact details, please inform the office as soon as possible so your child's details can be updated. Please note that it is vital for us to have your child's/your details in case of any emergencies.

Mobile Phones

We would like to remind you not to use mobile phones on the school premises when dropping off or collecting children. There are many reasons for this; firstly we have a duty to safeguard our children and the use of mobile devices when children are present, both in our playgrounds and on our school site, is not permitted. Also, we believe that it is really important to talk to your child about their day and their achievements when they are collected from school and as our sign says '**Greet your child with a smile, not a mobile!**'



Scooters & Bikes

As you know, our school is accessed by a steep slope and we have recently changed our arrangements to allow families to safely socially distance at drop off and collection times. Unfortunately, it is simply not safe to allow our pupils to ride on scooters and bikes with the number of children and their families who are present before and after school. Many of our families have younger siblings and we would not wish to see anyone injured by children riding scooters/bikes down the slope or in our playgrounds.

I understand that for many, encouraging your child to ride to school on a scooter or a bike has many benefits and helps to keep our children active and healthy but space is very tight and we do not have the capacity for our 480 pupils to store these on site.

We therefore ask you **not to bring scooters/bikes** onto the school premises and help us to maintain the safety at our school for all our children and their families. **School cannot accept responsibility for the loss of these items left on site.**

Congratulations to Mrs Maginess

Mrs Maginess from Turtle class has had a baby girl during the summer holiday. We are sure everyone who knows Mrs Maginess would like to join us in wishing her all the best.

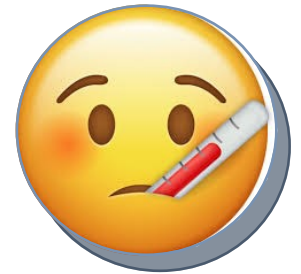


Feeling Unwell

It is inevitable that our very young children may develop colds and illnesses over the next few weeks and months. We have received a few queries over the last few days asking when children should be in and when they should stay at home. The government guidance is very clear. If a child or staff member displays any symptoms of Covid-19, they must stay at home and either take a Covid test or isolate for 10 days.

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **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



For further information please see the following link: [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/915553/Symptomatic children action list SCHOOLS.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/915553/Symptomatic_children_action_list_SCHOOLS.pdf)

We know that young children will often develop a high temperature when they have a cold and that in normal times we would encourage children to attend school, but currently we cannot allow children to come to school who display any of the above symptoms.

We ask that you work with us and that families are flexible during these challenging times. We have worked so hard to ensure our school is safe and we do not wish to jeopardise this in any way. Please do not give your child Calpol or other paracetamol products and send them to school if they are unwell. This may mask the temperature and if they develop a temperature later in the day, they will need to be removed from class until you are able to collect them.

We understand that at present it is difficult to book a test online – Redbridge are aware of the situation and are trying to resolve the problem. We know that this may cause difficulties for our working parents, but we ask for your patience and flexibility so we can keep our school safe.



Diary Dates

October half term	Mon 26 Oct – Fri 30 Oct
Inset Day (no children)	Mon 2 Nov
School Photographer	Mon 16 Nov
Christmas break	Mon 21 Dec – Fri 1 Jan