

ENTRANCE AND EXITS TO THE SCHOOL

Thank you for your support with the implementation of the new entrance and exits to the school. Please remember to follow the one-way systems at all time. We know it may take slightly longer but it is crucial to be safe than sorry.

Please walk to school

Always maintain social distancing and kindly avoid driving if you live within 15-20 minutes' walking distance from the school. The temporary closure of the road is likely to become permanent - more details will follow.

Avoid early drop offs/pick ups

Please avoid coming to the school too early! Some parents are arriving 20-30 minutes before pick up time. This is resulting in queues and social distancing being compromised. Kindly be mindful that we are still in the middle of a global pandemic and the consequences are very real. Classes will open their doors at 8.55 AM in the morning and 3.25PM in the afternoon.

Please avoid buggies and push-chairs if you can

If you are able to arrange for any non-school aged children to be left at home then please do so as it will protect their health and the health of others. Please remember that children who come to school must not be on a buggy unless they have a medical condition.

NON ATTENDANCE & FIXED PENALTY

The school understands that some parents are more anxious than others and that the risks to some are greater than others. The school has taken measures to minimise the risks and keep everyone safe.

Please note that any further absences of pupils from Monday 14 September will not be authorised and will need to be reported as unauthorised. This will trigger a fixed penalty notice which will be issued to both parents. Each parent will need to pay £60 per child.

If you have a legitimate reason for which your child is not able to attend school then kindly make an appointment for a telephone meeting with the headteacher.

COVID IS A REAL RISK TO LIVES

Kindly maintain social distancing at all times. Follow the one-way walking system outside the school. Most importantly remember to wash hands with soap and water more often. Coronavirus is a real risk to the vulnerable and we need to be mindful at all times and protect ourselves and those around us. Please follow the rules and encourage others to do the same.

PUPIL COLLECTION ~ THANK YOU!

Thank you for your support and patience when collecting children at the end the day. We know that parents who are collecting more than one child are having to go around the barriers and through different gates.

Kindly collect your youngest child first and then the older children. If you are slightly late collecting any older children, our teachers will understand and this will not affect your child.

COVID-19 TESTING

If you or a family member display symptoms of coronavirus then please ensure that you seek advice from the NHS and inform the school. If you need testing, then it is better that you go to a 'test centre' instead of ordering a postal test. Postal tests can take a long time and lead to unnecessary anxiety. Not knowing can be more stressful in these difficult times.

It is better to go to a test centre and get the results within 24 hours even if it means that you have to travel some distance.



The most powerful defence against COVID is to wash hands with soap and water more often.

UPDATING OF CONTACT DETAILS

Parents, staff and governors are reminded that it is your responsibility to ensure that the school has your up-to-date contact details. We request that you update your details in writing to avoid any confusion. Please remember to inform the school when you change your mobile number as it is often overlooked. Thank you.

PARENT CONFERENCES

There will be no face-to-face Parent Conferences in September due to the risk that it presents to the school community. Please see the attached for details of how the conferences will be held. Kindly complete and return the slip by next Friday the latest. Thank you for your support and understanding.

PE KITS

Children can wear comfortable clothes and suitable shoes/trainers. There is no need for uniform. However, if you wish, they can come to school in uniform.

Pupils must be in appropriate footwear on the days they have P.E. There is no need for P.E kits as there are no changing facilities available. For this reason, the school office will not be selling any P.E shirts at this time.

BRIGHT MINDS/LIFE SKILLS

The sessions are from 8:00 AM every week Tuesday to Friday. It is important that your child arrives on time. This week we have been flexible as it is the first week. From next week, anyone arriving late (after 8:10 AM) may not be able to join the sessions and sit outside the office. Late arrival causes disruption to the sessions and hinders the learning of other pupils who are on time.

All Years 4, 5 and 6 pupils are expected to attend unless you have been told otherwise. Children will use the main entrance from 8:00AM onwards. Children who do not attend Bright Minds will need to go through GATE 5 at 9:00 AM.

AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS AND LEARNING MINDS

Please see additional club letter that has been sent out today. Clubs start week commencing 21 September. Selected children have been invited for Learning Minds sessions after school. Learning Minds start week commencing 14 September.

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB SIGN UP

Club sign up days are on Wednesday 16 September 2020 and Thursday 17 September 2020 from 9:30AM until 4:00PM in the school office. Please ensure that you have the right amount of money to avoid the need to touch money that has been touched by others.

PIXL TIMESTABLE APP

The PiXL timestable passwords and usernames have been given to the children for them to practice at home. Please note that the School ID is BG3848. Good luck!

VACANCY

The school has a vacancy for a Lunch Assistant to start from September/October. For more information, please visit the school website. <https://biglandgreen.towerhamlets.sch.uk/vacancies/>

CANDO WORKSHOPS FOR YEAR 1 AND RECEPTION PARENTS

Mon 14 Sept	Year 1: Camellia & Honeysuckle
Tue 15 Sept	Reception: Bluebell & Daffodil

We request that both Mum and Dad attend the selected sessions. Kindly remember to maintain social distancing both in and outside the school at all times.

GETTING READY FOR WHAT LIES AHEAD

It is possible that an individual in the school community could test positive for Covid-19. In such situation, the school will work with Public Health England and other bodies.

A bubble group may have to be sent home and there may be partial closure of the school. The school will keep parents informed of such situation and learning will continue at home. Please be ready to respond positively and be supportive to each other if we were to face such a situation. Full cooperation and support from all parents, staff and governors will be essential.

RUMOURS AND MISINFORMATION

We request parents to be aware and cautious about rumours and misinformation. Please try to verify any information before passing it on to others. If the information is Bigland Green related, then kindly contact the school directly. Kindly do not use Whatsapp and other social media platform for school related matters as it often causes unnecessary anxiety and additional workload for the school.

Quote for
the Week

**"A person who never made a mistake never
tried anything new"**

Parent Conferences

24 and 25 September 2020



Bigland
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School

The main aim on the autumn Parent Conference is to set targets for the child for the year ahead.

Due to Covid-19 there will be no face-to-face meeting as the risks are too great. The school is requesting parents to complete the slip below and return to school by Friday 18 September the latest. Teachers will use the information and then set targets for the year ahead for your child.

Children will finish school at 2:00 PM on Friday 25 September as planned. Staff will use the time to finalise the targets and have short telephone conversations with parents as necessary.

Thank you for your cooperation and support with this matter.

Please complete and return to your **child's class** by Friday 18 September – kindly do **not** return to school office.

Full name of child: _____ Class: _____

1. I believe that my child has the following strengths (2/3 key strengths):

2. I think my child should improve the following in this academic year (2/3 areas for improvement)

3. I think my child's attendance and punctuality is (please tick one box only):

- Very good
 Is OK and can be improved
 Needs improving
 Is poor and affecting their learning

4. Please use this space to share any other relevant information

- Please tick this box only if you feel it is important that you have a short telephone conversation on 24 or 25 September with your child's teacher.

Kindly write the telephone number here _____