



News on the Ninth

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BENGO PRIMARY SCHOOL



Wider Opening of Bengo School

Phase 1

We were delighted to welcome back children from Reception, Year 1 and Year 6, along with more key worker children from other year groups on the 1st June. It was lovely to see so many of your children back in school.

We will carefully monitor this and will move to Phase 2 as soon as we are confident it is safe to do so.



Goodbye and welcome

We sadly say goodbye to Miss Solonos, who joined us as maternity cover last November. She quickly made excellent relationships with children and teachers. We will miss her positivity and 'can do' approach, but wish her well in her new job at Hertford Heath.

We welcome Mr Barker who will join us from the beginning of July. Mr Barker has recently qualified, fulfilling a lifetime ambition to teach. Prior to this he was a detective constable for sixteen years, so brings with him a wealth of knowledge and transferable skills. I am sure you will welcome him into the Bengeo family.



Keeping safe online

There is a lot of support available to keep your child safe online. Below are some useful links:

- [Thinkyouknow](#) (advice from the National Crime Agency to stay safe online)
- [Internet matters](#) (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
- [Parent info](#) (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
- [LGfL](#) (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
- [Net-aware](#) (support for parents and carers from the NSPCC)
- <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>



Supporting children returning to school

The charity Nip in the Bud (<https://nipinthebud.org/>) has produced a short film and fact sheet to help parents and teachers deal with any potential feelings of apprehension and anxiety that children may experience on returning to school.

In this 8 minute film Dr Jess Richardson, Principal Clinical Psychologist, (National & Specialist CAMHS and Maudsley) provides important and straightforward advice.

<https://nipinthebud.org/information-films/tips-for-returning-to-school/>

There is also an accompanying comprehensive Fact Sheet.

<https://nipinthebud.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Supporting-Children-Returning-to-School-After-the-Lockdown.pdf>



What to do if a child becomes unwell in school

The guidance should a child become unwell at school has changed. Government guidance on this can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-education-and-childcare-settings/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-education-and-childcare-settings#when-open>

In a nutshell, should anyone become unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), they will be sent home and advised to follow the [COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection guidance](#).

What happens if there is a confirmed case of coronavirus (COVID-19) in a setting?

When a child, young person or staff member develops symptoms compatible with coronavirus, they will be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 7 days. You will need to arrange to have a test to see if they have COVID-19. You can do this by visiting [NHS.UK](#) to arrange or contact NHS 119 via telephone if you do not have internet access. Fellow household members should self-isolate for 14 days. All staff and students who are attending an education or childcare setting will have access to a test if they display symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), and will get tested in this scenario.

Where the child, young person or staff member tests negative, they can return to their setting and the fellow household members can end their self-isolation.

Where the child, young person or staff member tests positive, the rest of their class will be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days. The other household members of that wider class or group do not need to self-isolate unless the child, young person or staff member they live with in that group subsequently develops symptoms.

As part of the national test and trace programme, if other cases are detected within the cohort or in the wider setting, Public Health England's local health protection teams will conduct a rapid investigation and will advise us on the most appropriate action to take. In some cases a larger number of other children may be asked to self-isolate at home as a precautionary measure. It should not be necessary to close the whole of the school.



Dates for your Diary

School is still not open to capacity. Due to Covid-19, we have unfortunately had to cancel all forthcoming pre-planned events.

17th July – Last Day of term

Finally...

Once again I would like to congratulate you all on the amazing work you have been doing with your children, supporting them with their education as well as juggling work, sharing laptops, looking after siblings and, for some of you, coping with job losses and financial difficulties. For your many words of appreciation and kindness – thank you.

'Here at Bengoe we believe that the most successful school is a place where everyone is valued. We work together and aspire to be the best we can.'

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