



15th October 2021

Dear Families,

It has been lovely to see all of the children settle down into the new term and we are already beginning to see a difference in them. The return to school this summer has been one of the most challenging times for us under the new government guidelines for schools and I wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their fantastic support.

Although we had to bring in measures initially to control any spread of COVID-19, your response to this has enabled us to now step down from them and begin to continue our plan to return to a timetable that will allow more flexibility.

We will continue to maintain the rigorous cleaning regime that we have in school as well as all the measures that are in place to reduce the risk of transmission. In addition to this, we will continue to ensure good ventilation in the classroom and school environment. **Please ensure that pupils have suitable layers on to ensure that they are warm throughout the day as windows and doors will be open to ensure that areas in school are well ventilated in line with government guidance.**

Parent's Evening meetings

As planned, we will be delivering our autumn parent meetings via Microsoft TEAMS.

Key Stage 1 and 2 Parents' Evening meetings are Tuesday 9th November and Wednesday 10th November 4.00pm-6.40pm.

F2 Parents' Evening meetings are taking place on Tuesday 9th November and Monday 15th November.

Staff will ensure pupils are given their TEAMS usernames and passwords during the first week back. Meetings will also be arranged on the TEAMS calendar too. Look out for invites sent out during this week.

SEN Reviews

SEN reviews will take place during the week beginning 15th November. Meetings dates and times will be sent out after half-term.

2022 New Foundation 2 Starters

We're pleased to inform you there will be an event for our new September 2022 starters. This will be on Wednesday 10th November at 5.00pm.

Children in Need Friday 19th November

The Great Berry Hill Bake off!

Children can come into school in non-uniform/Children in Need merchandise.

Baking competition – children are to design their own cupcake/cake/pastry etc. We will judge the cakes on appearance and creativity. Children can eat their own cupcake. Winners will be announced during Shine Assembly that day. A winner from each year group with a second and third place too.



'Do good, feel good' as well as the baking competition, children will have lots of fun during the day including taking part in official Children in Need activities, mindfulness colouring, Music and P.E with Joe Wicks.

We encourage donations to the charity to raise money. Children can either bring in their donations or if you would like to donate directly, you can use the Children in Need website.

There will also be a staff competition too – who do you think the Staff Star baker will be?!?!

Berry Hill Golden Rules

At Berry Hill, we have our six Berry values which run through everything we do, including our House Team system.

Respect – Parks House

Collaboration – Beatles House

Enjoyment – Rowling House

Resilience – Disney House

Growth – Einstein House

Achievement – Adlington House

As well as our Berry Hill values, we also have the Berry Hill Golden rules which we expect to see from all our pupils from EYFS through to our Year 6 pupils. The Berry Hill Golden rules are:

- I am kind.
- I look after the environment.
- I follow our listening rules.
- I try my best.

Keep left walking system

After half-term, the gate onto Berry Hill Park will be closed in the morning. Children and parents can enter the bottom gate, keeping to the left. To leave, parents will then walk back out of the bottom gate. Please ensure you keep to the left.

Please note: The gate onto Berry Hill Park **WILL** still be **OPEN** in an afternoon for pick ups from the 5/6 playground onto Berry Hill Park.

Key Stage 1 playground near the Nursery and Foundation buildings will work in the same system as before.

Illness

If your child has a continuous cough and/or high temperature and/or loss of smell and taste they must not come to school and you will need to arrange a PCR test. You must also inform the school as soon as possible by emailing office@berryhill.notts.sch.uk.

If your children have sickness and/or diarrhoea the recommended period to stay at home after the last symptoms is **48 hours**. This is in line with the Public Health Agency's guidelines.

Allergies

A reminder that we are a 'Nut Free' school. We have a number of pupils who have severe nut allergies. Please bear this in mind when making packed lunches or providing snacks for your children.

Break time snacks

We encourage children to have some fruit or a cereal bar for their snack at morning break. We have noticed crisps and chocolates are being taken out during break time by some pupils. These items should be saved for lunch time. Please provide some fruit (apple, banana, cut-up grapes/strawberries etc.) or a cereal bar type snack. Please note toast, flapjack (Tuesday) and pizza muffin (Friday) are available to purchase as a mid-morning snack for Key Stage 2 pupils – these can be ordered and paid for via School Money.

P.E Kit Reminder

P.E kit is to be worn during the whole day on P.E days. A reminder of our P.E kit is provided below:

White/blue T-shirt.

Black shorts or jogging bottoms/leggings.

Trainers.

An outdoor jumper (weather dependent)

Please avoid football kits and clothing with large logos/writing on.

EYFS/KS1 Christmas Performance

We are planning to hold Christmas performances for EYFS and KS1. We will take some decisions nearer to the end of term as to whether this will be viewed virtually or in school.

INSET Dates

A reminder INSET Dates 2021-2022 are set for:

Tuesday 4th January 2022

Monday 21st February 2022

Monday 6th June 2022

Finally, we would like to wish you all have a lovely autumn break with your family and we look forward to seeing you on your return to school on Monday 1 November.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Price and the Berry Hill Team