



1st September 2021

Dear Families,

We hope you have all had a lovely holiday and we are very much looking forward to seeing you all again on Thursday 2nd September.

We have been busy getting everything ready for the new term and want to make sure that you all have the information you need. It was lovely to see the children during transition in July and we have included a school map so that you can locate their new class quickly on the first day back.

In addition to the newsletter we sent out just before the holiday, there is also some additional information regarding our September opening. The July edition can be found on our website under newsletters.

Building Work:

During the holidays work has started on the extension for the Rainbow Room. This means that some parts of the school and playground will be out of bounds. A route around this will be clearly marked so you can continue to use the one-way system.

Mixing and bubbles:

The government advice regarding the opening of schools has changed during the holidays - it is no longer recommended that children are kept in 'bubbles'. This means that we can now start to resume assemblies and organise lunchtime in a different way. These changes mean that we have more flexibility and the children can begin to feel part of a wider school community.

We are mindful that COVID-19 cases still remain high within the Mansfield area, so we will continue to use our safe systems in school. This includes using the one-way system within the school grounds and families dropping their children at the door. Regularly cleaning and the use of hand gel will still continue.

The link below contains more information for parents and carers regarding our return to school this week.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>.

Symptoms:

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 have to arrange testing. You must also inform the school as soon as possible by emailing general@berryhill.notts.sch.uk. Trust and honesty between school and families remains essential to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Test and trace process:

Information was sent out in July explaining that education and childcare settings will no longer be asked to conduct routine contact tracing. Close contacts will now be identified via NHS Test and Trace.

Since August, children are not required to self-isolate if they have had close contact with someone with COVID-19. Instead NHS Test and Trace will advise to take a PCR test.

Please click on the link for further information regarding the test and trace process.
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nhs-test-and-trace-how-it-works>

Once again many thanks for your ongoing support – it is very much appreciated by everyone at Berry Hill.

Mrs Price & the Berry Hill Team