

# Featherstone Primary School



## Weekly Home/School Newsletter

13<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was a delight to see all the children back in school and I am sure you too are delighted to have them back in, learning with their friends. The children have settled back in quickly and very sensibly following the measures that we have put in place.

The image shows a certificate titled 'Staying COVID-19 Secure in 2021'. It states that the school has complied with government guidance on managing the risk of COVID-19. The certificate lists five steps to safer working together: 1. Carried out a COVID-19 risk assessment and shared results. 2. Implemented cleaning, handwashing, and hygiene procedures. 3. Taken reasonable steps to help people work safely from a COVID-19 Secure workplace or from home. 4. Taken reasonable steps to maintain social distancing. 5. Ensured at least a 1m distance and taken mitigating actions where 2m cannot be kept. The certificate is for Featherstone Primary School, inspected by Elite Safety in Education Ltd on 10th December 2020. Contact information for Elite Safety in Education Ltd is provided at the bottom.

I am pleased to say that we have put in a great deal of work into our risk assessment and have also chosen to have this externally verified by a Health and Safety Company. This is not an expectation for schools but I feel that it certifies the measures that we put in place.

What other measures are in place?

- Local Authority Risk Assessment in place
- Daily site checks carried out
- Visitors are not allowed in school with a risk assessment in place
- Daily contact cleaning in place throughout the day
- Staff wear face coverings in communal areas

### Timings of the school day

Parents, just another reminder that the school day starts at 08.45 and the morning doors close at 08.55. Please ensure that your child arrives to school in between these times. For Reception, school finishes at 3.25pm. For Years 1 – 6, school finishes at 3.30pm.

Parents please remember that, on a Friday, the school closes at 12:55pm. Where parents are continuously late in collecting their child/ren, we will monitor this and arrange a meeting with you to ask why? A possible solution is to decide for your child to attend High Achievers.

## Year 2

As you may know, Miss. Lacey (2L) is expecting a child later on in the year, which is wonderful news. Miss Lacey will need to be reassigned so that she has no pupil contact during her pregnancy as pregnant women are in the moderate risk (clinically vulnerable) group.

I am pleased to say that both the Year 2 teachers (Mrs. Kaur and Mrs. Mohammed) have settled in well. Mrs Mohammed is a newly qualified teacher and Mrs. Kaur not only did booster teaching in Year 2 but she is also an experienced Year 2 teacher.

## Glenville Drive

In order to help manage access for everyone walking to and from school, especially during COVID, please can parents who are leaving the school site walk on the left side of the road and parents coming into school please also use the left side of the road. This will greatly help families with push chairs and those with mobility scooters etc.

There is still time to offer your help with the cars on Glenville Drive. If you would like to do so, please email us at [enquire@feathstn.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquire@feathstn.bham.sch.uk)



## On way system on site

### Morning:

ENTERING: When coming into school please come through the main vehicle gates.

LEAVING: When leaving please leave through the pedestrian pathway.

### After School:

ENTERING: When coming into school please come through either gates.

LEAVING: When leaving please leave through the vehicle gates.

## Curriculum

There is a lot of news coverage at the moment about children being 'behind' in their learning and 'needing to catch up' because of all of the 'gaps' in their learning. As a school, we have put an immense amount of effort into our curriculum. We make sure that our curriculum is meaningful, purposeful, exciting and stimulating. The COVID-19 school closures have made us *prioritise* curriculum areas to ensure that children get the most out of the rest of this school year. However, we are very mindful not to pressurise the children.

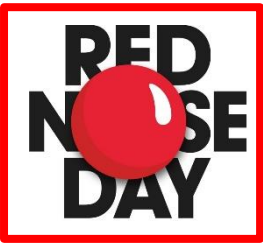
## Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing

Next week, we will be sharing with you some ongoing research that we have been doing to make sure that our children are mentally healthy and well.

## Exams

A quick reminder that all primary school exams and tests have been cancelled for this academic year.

- EYFS end of year assessments
- Y1 phonics
- Y2 SATs
- Y4 times table check
- Y6 SATs



## Red Nose Day – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Featherstone Primary School will be supporting Comic Relief (Red Nose Day) on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2021. On this day, children can come into school in their own clothes (non-school uniform). We ask that all parents and staff pay £1.00 to support the Comic Relief charity. Comic Relief do some amazing charity work both in the UK and Africa, so please do donate your £1.00 by [clicking this link](#). Thank you.

Take care and see you next week.

From Mr. E. Gaibee  
**Headteacher**