

Dear Parents and Carers,

WELCOME BACK!

It has been wonderful seeing all of you again. I was amazed at how much the children have grown. I would also like to welcome our new families who have joined Beecholme and hope you have a happy time with us.

It's been great seeing the children in their classrooms and the 'buzz' around school has returned. It's also been good to see that the children are still enthusiastic about their learning and sharing their ideas.

Thank you Year 1 Parents and Carers who have let their children walk to class on their own from the main gate. It shows a great deal of independence and confidence. It's very impressive!

I am so impressed with how all the children have settled back into school and have remembered the routines exceptionally well. We are regularly monitoring and adapting the routines to keep everyone safe. Please read the reminders listed in this newsletter.

Please also read the information sent to you on Rapid Lateral flow testing for households and bubbles of primary school staff and pupils. The [instructions for coronavirus \(COVID-19\) self-testing](#) are available online in English and 12 other languages. The link is at the top of the page on the right hand side.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,

Mrs Phyllis Sternberg

Attendance and Punctuality

School attendance is **mandatory** from March, 8th 2021. We will be monitoring attendance and punctuality with our Educational Welfare Officer (EWO) regularly.

Thank you to those families who always make sure that their children attend school regularly and on time. The school will continue to report on attendance and punctuality which will be shared with you regularly in the newsletters. Our aim this year is to improve on last year's results and aim for **97%**. The school will continue to use '**Penalty**' notices for **unauthorised absences**. If the case warrants a fine, it will be **per parent, per child**.

Having good attendance has been shown to make a positive impact on children's learning.

Reminders

- ◆ Please stand on 'distance spots' with your children when you drop them off in the morning
- ◆ 'Drop and Go' so there is no congestion
- ◆ Keep walking on the left
- ◆ Parking restriction
- ◆ Don't send in bags or equipment from home
- ◆ Your child should have a named water bottle in school every day
- ◆ Children wear PE kit to school on the days they have PE (Physical Education)

Uniform

Please make sure your child/ren are wearing the correct school uniform which includes black school shoes.

Girls need to wear a grey school skirt or grey school trousers. Leggings are not part of the school uniform.

For PE, children can wear tracksuit bottoms and bring in an extra jumper as we will be taking every opportunity for the lessons to be outside.

Please do not encourage your children to wear jewellery, as it can be a health and safety issue. Also, children often get upset if jewellery is broken or lost.



Wrap Around Care at Beecholme-

'Little Acorns'



Little Acorns is managed by Miss Donna Keenan.

The times that your children can attend are:

7.45-8.45 a.m. and 3.30-5.55p.m.

If you would like more information look on the website or you can collect the forms from the School Office.