

BERKELEY PRIMARY SCHOOL



If children are happy, they will achieve!

Friday 18th September

Welcome back everyone! We are delighted to have the life of our school back, and to see how quickly all the children have settled back into new routines. It's been such a strange time for everyone, and it continues to be for the foreseeable, but we are astonished at how well the children have adapted to the changes in place in school; they are embracing it and finding the silver linings in life in their bubbles. There is a wonderful sense of calm, and although the tiredness is starting to show a little now, the children have knuckled down to the daily routine and are back into their timetable of learning. Don't forget to check out our class blogs to get a glimpse into what the children are learning each week on our website at www.berkeleyprimary.org.uk which can also be accessed via a link on your Marvellous Me app.

Thank you parents for your cooperation, understanding and patience with the changes we have in place too. It makes such a difference to the smooth running of the school and we so appreciate your support and kindness.

Our new Reception class: Mrs Ferris and Mrs Combes have enjoyed welcoming our new Reception children to BPS over the last 3 weeks. The children have settled into school so brilliantly and they have been happy and confident in their new learning environment. We are thrilled at how well their transition to school has been given the strange circumstances and we are so happy to see them playing and learning together. As we are unable to open our doors to families at the moment, Mrs Ferris has set up an Instagram account where you can follow the journey of their new classroom and see the development of their outdoor learning environment too as it unfolds. [@mrsferriseyfs](https://www.instagram.com/mrsferriseyfs)



Healthy snacks: Please be reminded that children are welcome to bring in a healthy snack for break time, however we have seen an increasing number of crisps, chocolate, sweets or biscuits being brought in. A healthy option should always be the first choice when providing your child with a snack at break time e.g. Peeled and cut fruit or vegetables, raisins. Sweets and fizzy drinks are not permitted to be consumed at any time during the school day. Children should not bring nuts to school in line with our 'No nut policy'. Thank you so much.

Class parent reps: We will be announcing our new class parent reps next week based on the volunteers we have had, so watch this space! The purpose of the Class Representative is to provide another way of uniting the school community as well as enhancing the quality of relationships and channels of communication between teachers, parents/carers and the children. We are very excited to get this off the ground, and have been busy preparing for the organisation of this. Once established, our class reps will receive training with everything they need to get started in this valuable and important role.

Covid symptoms: At this time of year, we have lots of colds, sore throats and sniffles going around and whilst we absolutely do not want to risk any covid spreading, we also do not want children missing lessons if it is just a sniffle. We understand that it can become rather confusing with the speed in which the guidelines are changing, and therefore have put together a flow chart to help you decide if you should send your child into school or not. This will follow in a separate attachment for you.

Drop off and Pick ups: Thank you so much to all the parents and children for making the staggered entry and exit times run so smoothly; it has gone so well that we have been able to amend the times to 5 minute intervals which means we can have all children in class earlier ready to start the day. If you missed the Marvellous Me message sent out today regarding this, you can check your new time on the table below.

Group	#	Drop off time	Collection time
Siblings at BPS Surname A-K	1	08:40	15:00
Siblings at BPS Surname L-Z	2	08:45	15:05
Only Child at BPS Surname A-H	3	08:50	15:10
Only Child at BPS Surname i-z	4	08:55	15:15

BFG NEWS: We met with the new Chair of the Berkeley Fundraising Group (BFG) this week (Mr Mark Veale) to establish committee members, volunteers and plan in meeting dates and possible ideas for family events for the year. Mark will be reaching out to all those who put their names forward during our BFG communications during lockdown next week in preparation for the live launch virtual meeting. If you fancy getting involved, please email admin@berkeley.gloucs.sch.uk to register your interest if you haven't already done so. Thank you.

Here's to a happy and healthy term for everyone.

Yours Sincerely



Miss Robbins and all the team here at Berkeley Primary school

“ Look how much you've already managed to adapt to. Look how resilient you've already been. There's no "right" way to respond to this because it's never, ever happened before. Give yourself some credit. ☆ There's no one in the whole world who has this figured out yet. So it's absolutely okay if you don't either. ”
mellow doodles