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Dear Parents/Carers,

**SAFETY
FIRST
NO LOITERING
IN THIS AREA**

I can't believe we are already in week 6 of the Autumn term. A big thank you to our families for working with us at drop off and collection outside the school gate. Since moving Year 4's designated area to our staff car park, the congestion has significantly reduced.

Drop off & Collection Arrangement Review

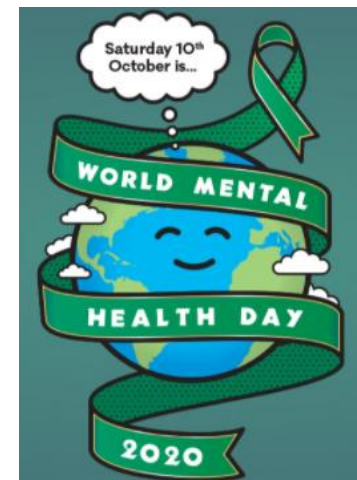
We continue to review our arrangements for a safe start and end of the day transition and will be tweaking our timings for some of our Year groups, which I've indicated below in **red**, which will take effect from **Monday 12th October**. Whilst we are trying to reduce the number of parents on site, we feel the new arrangements will further improve our system of ensuring all children can transition between home and school safely.

- The Year 1 & 2 children and parents will continue to wait in their designated area outside the gate and may walk into school at 8.30, where they can walk straight onto the playground, via our one-way system. This is a new arrangement for Year 2 – Miss Yuen will now meet all Year 2s on the playground in a designated area. Parents are to please leave the school site promptly. Year 1 & 2 children will be collected from the main playground at the end of the day at 2.45.
- Year 4 will continue to wait in the car park and may walk independently to the playground at 8.40. Parents are to please leave the school site promptly. Children are to be collected as usual from the main playground at the end of the day at 2.55.
- We have amended the end of day timings for Year 1, 2, 3 and 4 accordingly – please note the change of time below.
- Year 3 children and parents may enter through the double gates from 8.35 and wait on the pavement by the main office, where Miss Hurn will meet the children at 8.40. Parents are to please leave the school site promptly. The usual end of day collection arrangements for Year 3 will resume, where parents may collect children from Miss Hurn on the school site, however the time has changed to 2.55.
- As usual, the Year 5 & 6 will be brought to the school gate at the end of the day at 3.00 for collection or to be released if they have permission to walk home alone.

	Start Time	Collect Time
Reception	8.30	2.40
Year 1	8.35	2.45
Year 2	8.35	2.45
Year 3	8.40	2.55
Year 4	8.40	2.55
Year 5	8.25	3.00
Year 6	8.25	3.00

World Mental Health Day – 10th October

We celebrated *World Mental Health Day* today at Byfleet. Here is one of the [terrific mental wellbeing videos](#) we used with the children this morning to help them understand more about their feelings and moods, which you may want to watch with your children at home.





Is your child feeling anxious?

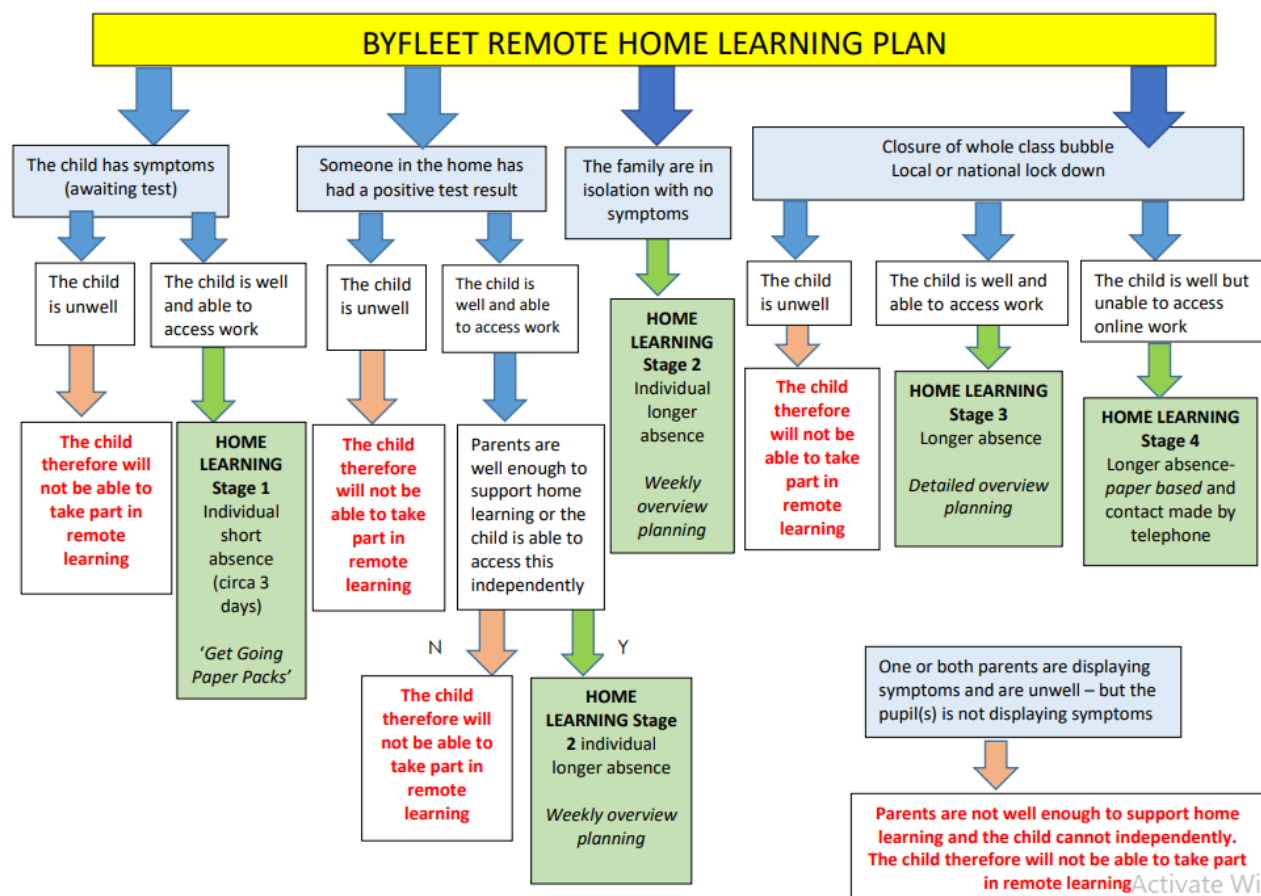
Surrey Border Partnership have produced some well reviewed Youtube videos for you to watch with your children to help explain what anxiety is and how to deal with it. [Please click here to view these videos.](#)

Remote Learning and Local Lock Down

- [Our Remote Learning Contingency Plan is now complete and available on our website](#), in the event of your child needing to take time off school due to self-isolating (short term circa 10 – 14 days) or a bubble closure or local lockdown (long term 14 days or more).
- Today you will be able to access your child's Google email account, which will give you access to your child's Google Classroom. At present we haven't set up any work on your child's Google Classroom, but you may want to familiarise yourself with it. Your child's log on sticker can be located in the inside cover of their reading diary. Please go to Google.com and log into your child's Google email using your child's log on sticker in their diary.
- Please note that you will need to have accessed your child's Google Classroom log on to be able to have your parent evening slot via Google Hangout next half term.



Please make yourself familiar with the 4 stages (green boxes) of our Remote Learning Plan, in the event of your child needing to take time off school due to Covid.



Parents' Evening

Parents' evening slots via Google Hangout will be on Tuesday 3rd November and Wednesday 4th November. You are able to register on a first come first serve basis. **These go live on Monday 12th October.** You will receive an email with a link for your 10 minute Google Hangout once this has been confirmed. You will then be able to log into your child's Google email account that is associated with their Google Classroom, and access Google Hangout video. All slots are restricted to 10 minutes.



Parking



We have received a complaint from the residents at The Pavilions (the green new builds opposite our school) that a parent is using their driveway as a parking space, idling their car, and blocking their driveway. This idling also causes fumes near our Year 3 designated waiting area. Please park in a designated parking bay and respect our local neighbours.

Anti-bullying and Behaviour

We are working hard to ensure we empower our children to deal with friendship problems using the correct channels. We are encouraging our children to tell the adults so that we can support our children's friendships and resolve issues that crop up.

Please reinforce our strategy of '*what to do if someone is bothering me*' = **Start Telling Other People**. We can only deal with issues that are brought to our attention so we need to continue encouraging our children to do this.

Bullying is not when two people have a disagreement or fall out over something, it is usually

Several
Times
On
Purpose



Start
Telling
Other
People

School Improvement

This week we finalised reviewing our Behaviour Policy. We are looking to move towards a levelled system, using mediation and a restorative approach to involve the pupils to come up with ideas to overcome any barriers they may face, as a means to empower positive behaviour choices. We will send out a summary of our new approach shortly.

Harvest Festival



Please could you send your child into school with a small non-perishable donation from Monday 5th October – Friday 16th October to support a Food Bank at our local Methodist Church here in Byfleet. This could include tinned food, dried pasta or dried beans/lentils, pasta sauces, long-life milk/custard etc. and given straight to the class teacher please.

Clubs

We still have space available in our Breakfast Club and Afterschool Club if you wish your child to attend. We have thought carefully about this provision, where the children are separated into the bubbles that they use during the school day so your child(ren) will not be mixing with other bubbles. Please contact the school office to enquire or book a place for your child.

Ultimate Coaching Multi Sports Day

Ultimate Coaching will be running a Multi Sports Day at School on our inset day Friday 23rd October from 8.30am to 3 pm at a cost of £20.00, more details can be found on their website:

<https://www.ultimate-coaching.co.uk/inset-days?course=358>

Friends of Byfleet PTA

Our *Friends of Byfleet* are working hard behind the scenes to plan some fundraising opportunities for our school this term. The committee have had two meetings with me since September to review our school priorities as a result of COVID. This has helped us identify what our fundraisers are ring-fenced for. At present, we have identified that there is a need for us to upgrade our computing hardware to support a potential future lockdown as part of our **Remote Learning Contingency Plan**. We are currently discussing how the *Friends of Byfleet* funding could be used to pay for 32 chrome books, 2 device trolleys to store these devices and payment of the licences for these devices. Initially it was outlined that this fundraising would be used to build a Wellbeing Garden, however we feel that upskilling our pupils to use Google Classroom as part of their computing curriculum is more of a priority in the event that a lockdown were to be put in place to support children being able to access any remote learning. We are truly grateful for the opportunities provided by this fundraising and hope that you will continue to support future events the committee are planning.





Stars of the Week

Each week, one child is chosen by their class teacher to receive a certificate for being the 'Star of the Week'. Well done to these stars.....

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Sophia	James	Connor	Romeo	Roheena Lucy	Monty	Xavier Xanthe

Reminder of Virtual Trip Payment

Just a gentle reminder for you to please pay £7 for our subscription towards the **Now>Press>Play** virtual trip programme we have purchased to replace our usual school trips for Year 1 – 6 pupils as the deadline is Friday 16th October. [Click here to see how wonderful this subscription is.](#)

Dates for Your Diary

Thursday 22 nd October – Last day of Autumn 1	Tuesday 3 rd November and Wednesday 4 th November – Virtual Parents' Evening
Friday 23 rd October - INSET day – no pupils in school	
Friday 18 th December – Last day of Autumn 2 Staggered end of day timings to be confirmed	Monday 5 th October – Friday 16 th October – Harvest Food donations received
Wednesday 21 st October – Year 6 School Nurse visit Puberty and Relationship Education	Monday 12 th October – Year 6 Bikeability

Kind regards,
Mrs Meyrick - Headteacher