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Dear Parents/Carers,

Risk Assessment and Safety Update

I hope you have all managed to have a look at our recently updated Risk Assessment on our website. This week there has been a slight increase in families contacting us inquiring about whether they should send their children to school if they are demonstrating typical 'winter cold' symptoms, such as a sore throat. [We have produced a flow diagram to help you make a decision on whether your child should stay at home – please read it here.](#) We strongly advocate that you send your children in to school unless you feel they are too unwell or fall into the category of self-isolating due to COVID.

School Trips

I recently sent out a letter explaining that it is unlikely that school trips will go ahead this year however we are actively seeking out safe and viable options for our children to benefit from other enrichment opportunities. We are hoping to buy a multi-sensory virtual-reality audio programme called **Now>Press>Play** and have asked for a £10 donation from children in Year 1 to Year 6. Please use this link <https://forms.gle/W3sMvaYr8EVXASjK8> to confirm if you are willing to make this contribution – PLEASE SEND NO MONEY AT THIS TIME [Read more about it here.](#)



Bike and Scooter Rack

Just a reminder that the bike and scooter rack is open and we actively encourage you to cycle or scoot to school to cut down on traffic on King's Head Lane. We look forward to seeing our children keep fit and healthy by cycling or scoot too!

Parking



I continue having to have individual conversations with some parents asking them to consider how they drive and drop their children off outside the school gates. Sadly, some parents have been seen to disregard our yellow parking cones that have been placed in certain high-risk areas. Some cars continue pulling up outside the school gates, including pulling up along the bend in the road towards the parking area, to allow children/passengers to climb out of cars – please could you refrain from this; all cars entering King's Head Lane are to park up in a parking bay before letting children/passengers climb out. I have asked staff to please address any adult who does not support us with this so that we can ensure all children, adults and staff are kept safe and to reduce congestion during these peak hours. **We would prefer for parents to not drive into King's Head Lane where possible,** and to walk (or cycle/scoot) their children onto King's Head Lane instead. We also kindly ask that you consider the residents who live on King's Head Lane and not block the entrance to their driveways etc.

Remote Learning and Local Lock Down



We informed you last week about our contingency plan in the instance of a local or national lockdown taking place, to ensure we can provide high-quality teaching and learning for your child. We are excited to introduce staff to a platform called G-suite to use *Google Classroom* in the coming week, which the staff will be receiving training on. [Here's a short synopsis of what Google Classroom is.](#)

Clubs

Gymnastics Club will start on Monday 21st September and will be hosted by Ultimate Coaching. Unfortunately this club is now fully subscribed but do sign up and join the waiting list in case a space becomes available by contacting the school office.

GYMNASTICS



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.

Curriculum Overviews

We hope you have managed to look through the home learning resources our teachers sent home last week, which contained their weekly spelling, national curriculum word list, curriculum overviews and a Homework Matrix. With some of our children having been out of school for almost 6 months as a result of COVID, establishing a daily home routine where you set aside time to complete some work guided by the class teacher, to help them catch up and keep up, is imperative. Please ensure your child does daily reading (please write a comment in their reading diary daily), weekly spelling words and maths fluency (learning times tables).

door	child	cold	pretty	grass	improve	parents
poor	wild	gold	beautiful	pass	sugar	Christmas
find	most	hold	after	plant	could	everybody
mind	both	told	fast	path	would	even
floor	children	every	last	bath	sure	
because	climb	great	past	hour	eye	
kind	only	break	father	move	should	
behind	old	steak	class	prove	who	
whole	many	busy	water	half	Mr	
any	clothes	people	again	money	Mrs	

We have already seen some children trying out their Homework Matrix, with some children bringing in large Roman shields, 3d building designs and postcard writing. We continue to look forward to seeing which homework activities the children have chosen to complete each week from their Homework Matrix – please do send in these projects or photographs you have taken of them completing these tasks. *You are more than welcome to add these to Twitter @byfleetprimary using #homework to share your children's learning if you wish.*



We can't wait to celebrate their efforts where we have set aside time in the weekly timetable for the children to share their projects with their peers. This is part of our Recovery Curriculum approach, where we aim for all children to have a voice, share their experiences and build their confidence by sharing their learning with their peers in their class.

School Improvement

This week, Mrs Brackenbury, our SENDCo, worked with teachers to plan our intervention provision for supporting children who need additional support with their learning. All class teachers have now identified their children's 'Barriers to Learning' and considered what type of support needs to be put in place to meet everyone's needs.



Reception Children Start at Byfleet

This week marks the start of our Reception children starting school with us officially – a big warm welcome from us all here at Byfleet. Thank you to our new Reception families for using their designated waiting area whilst waiting to dropping their children off for the first time this week. We'd like to remind you to please come into school in the morning/afternoon as soon as the pedestrian gate opens, before any of the other year groups are allowed in, to help us manage congestion.

Year 5/6 Bubble Drop Off Timing

We have listened to the feedback from some of our parents and have now amended our Year 5/6 drop off to 8.25am through the double car gates, to try reduce congestion. This will also allow our Year 3 parents to safely use the pavement where the Year 5/6 Bubble usually wait as their children are walked into the playground at 8.40. Please could the Year 5/6 Bubble not arrive earlier than 8.25 and wait unnecessarily as we have noticed groups of parents congregating in this designated areas making it unsafe for our Year 3 bubble to access the pavement leading to our front gate. Thank you for dropping your children off and leaving promptly.

Kind regards,
Mrs Meyrick - Headteacher