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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had another busy week at Byfleet as Week 4 draws to an end. It has been lovely to see some children bringing in their homework projects to share with their peers – please do continue to share these with us and feel free to post some of the learning on @byfleetprimary #homework for everyone to see on Twitter.

Risk Assessment and Safety Update

With the weather becoming colder, inevitably common colds are starting to emerge. If your child is feeling unwell, [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. We are working hard to help all of our children 'catch up and keep up' so every day missed is a lost opportunity.

To keep the classrooms well ventilated, we keep the windows and doors open so some children who are sat closest to the external door may get cold. As autumn sets in, please ensure your child is wearing warmer clothes, particularly on PE days (long jogging bottoms and a dark/navy jumper). Children are allowed to bring in coats, however these may only be worn outside. Your children are welcome to start wearing winter uniform.

Reception Children Start at Byfleet

We were all in for a treat this week as our Reception children officially started with us full time on Tuesday. We would like to formally welcome our new families to Byfleet and look forward to working with you and your children over the next 7 years. Welcome to our Byfleet family!



Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

If your family is receiving certain benefits such as universal credit, income support or child-tax credit support, then your child usually qualifies for free school meals. This also applies to any child that is 'looked after', being previously in care or adopted and includes children being recorded as being from military families. If you think you may qualify for free school meals, please get in touch with Mrs Creswick in the office at info@byfleet.surrey.sch.uk who will support you with the application process. Further information about where you are entitled to free school meals [can be found here](#).

Year 5/6 Bubble Drop Off Timing

Thank you to the Year 5 and 6 parents for helping their children come into school from 8.25 in the morning with a free-flow start through the double gates, without congregating. This has hugely reduced the congestion and improved our social distancing.

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.

Parking



Each week I continue to mention the concerns we have with parents dropping/collecting their children on King's Head Lane. There are still some parents who sit in their idling cars on the bend outside the school gate to let their children climb out or in of their cars. I would like to politely remind you again, that this is not safe for our children and families, causes unnecessary congestion and relies on staff to take on the role of traffic warden, which we are not. Some parents are also parking across pavements blocking walk ways. It is only a handful of parents who continue to do this so thank you to everyone else who is working with us to keep collections and drop off as safe as possible. Please continue to park in a designated parking bay as this is hugely helpful. **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 were excited to introduce the staff to Google Classroom as part of our staff development this week. Teachers have now set up their own Google Classroom areas online and each child has their own Google log in, which will be shared with you in the coming weeks. We are currently finalising our *Remote Learning Contingency Plan*, which will also be shared with you shortly. This plan outlines Byfleet Primary's approach to remote learning if a bubble were to be closed for 14 day isolation or if there were a longer local or national lock down so that we can continue to provide a high-quality and structured curriculum for our pupils. Fingers crossed we won't need to use this plan as we are enjoying having all of our children back in school where they belong.



School Improvement

As mentioned in my introduction letter to you, I place a strong emphasis on working collaboratively with you so that we can work together to provide the best education possible for the children at Byfleet. By keeping you updated on our whole-school priorities, you can see what we are working on behind the scenes over this academic year so that you can further support your child at home, where applicable. Below is a summary of our priorities.

Byfleet Priorities for 2020 – 2021:

1. To improve pupil progress and achievement in Writing for all, with SEND making similar progress to those nationally
2. To improve pupil progress in Maths for all, with SEND making similar progress to those nationally
3. To narrow the disadvantage gap
4. To enhance middle leadership and develop an ambitious and progressive curriculum
5. To develop a Recovery Curriculum to support a blended learning approach

*This is an extended plan from the 2019/20 SDP



Dates for Your Diary

Wednesday 30 th September – Individual photographs *If your child usually wears a PE kit on this day, please send them in with uniform and their PE kit in a bag	Thursday 22 nd October – Last day of Autumn 1 Friday 23 rd October - INSET day – no pupils in school
Tuesday 3 rd November & Wednesday 4 th November – Virtual Parents' Evening	Friday 18 th December – Last day of Autumn 2 Staggered end of day timings to be confirmed

I would like to end on a very happy note – we send our congratulations to Mrs Martin and her family as they welcomed a new baby girl early this morning. We wish them well with their new bundle of joy.



Kind regards,
Mrs Meyrick - Headteacher