



Blackgates Primary Academy Newsletter



Week ending 1 8 September 2020

Return to school in September

Children have now settled well into the new school routines and procedures. They are in year group 'bubbles' so will not mix with other year groups unless they attend breakfast club and after school club. In the wrap around care staff will do their utmost to ensure children spread out in the large space available and cleanliness procedures are followed scrupulously.

As yet we have **no** children or staff who have tested positive. Should this occur, any pupils who have had close contact, their families will be notified by letter on the same day and given instructions.

We have had pupils who have had tests and results have as yet all been negative.

At all stages of this pandemic we have consulted Leeds City Council Health and Safety Team for advice. Our risk assessment is based on their model. Whilst some of you may disagree with the procedures in place we will always follow their advice as we believe it is in the best interests of our pupils and staff.

One way system

Thank you for your cooperation with our one way system of entry and exit to the school. We realise it is not ideal and can cause inconvenience, but it is the safest method and ensures no one passes each other head on. Hopefully ensuring less of a risk of infection.

Attendance

Last week's attendance was 96.9% which is at our target. We are pleased so many children returned to school. It is lovely to see them all.

Newsletters

All class letters went out this week which will inform you of their curriculum content and how you can support your child from home.

Sports clubs

Sports clubs have commenced this week with both Yoga and Boxing proving very popular. Risk assessments are followed throughout and we feel sport is vital for our pupil's health and wellbeing.

Bagels

Bagels are provided each morning as usual should children want the breakfast.

PE Kit

It is important that pupils wear the correct PE kit in school and have one provided. PE is a legal requirement for all pupils and is really enjoyed. The PE kit is

White T-shirt (no buttons)

Black shorts

In colder weather black tracksuits / jogging bottoms and sweatshirts are encouraged.

Black trainers or black pumps

If you have financial difficulties please call the learning mentors and we will help provide a set of kit.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

J.M.Coulson

