

Wednesday, 13 January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your continued support whilst we develop and improve the remote learning for your children at home and in school. There has been some truly phenomenal work being produced by children across each of the schools and we are so grateful for the creative ways that you as parents have managed to support your children whilst balancing your own busy lives at this time. Thank you also to the wonderful staff who have worked tirelessly to ensure our remote learning offer is as strong as it can be as well as provide for the children of essential workers and our vulnerable groups in school. Thank you for the positive comments and encouraging messages from many of you who sympathised with the enormity of the task and expressed appreciation of what we have been able to achieve together so far in a short time.

We have loved seeing so much work shared on the school Twitter and Facebook pages. Please do share your children's work, remember it doesn't just have to be written work, it can be activities, games, dances, songs, cooking, gardening, anything that shows what you and your children have been up to. The more you share your great ideas, the more we connect with and support one another in these lonely times. Don't forget to keep your child safe by not posting their name if you post a picture of them. Please remember to tag your teacher, Headteacher and school office in. Some useful twitter names can be found below.

Class	Teacher/s	Twitter Account
School	Beechfield School	@BFS_Watford
Headteacher	Mrs Jackson	@HeadBeechfield
Assistant Headteacher	Mrs Connell	@MrsConnellBFS
Assistant Headteacher	Miss Mortlock	@MissMortlock
Pastoral Leader	Mrs Hayward	@BeechfieldPST
Nursery	Mrs Pavlova	@MrsPavlovaBF
Reception	Miss Nevard	@MissNevardBF
	Miss Johnson	@MissJohnsonBF
Year 1	Mrs Scott	@MrsScottBF
	Miss Finch	@MissFinchBFS
Year 2	Miss Morgan	@MissMorganBF
	Ms Essex	@MsEssexBF
Year 3	Mr Puertas	@MrPuertasBF
	Mrs Riyaaz	@MrsRiyaazBFS
Year 4	Miss Fuller	@MissFullerBF
	Miss Hussain	@MsHussainBF
Year 5	Ms Mon	@MissMonBF
	Mrs Connell	@MrsConnellBFS
	Miss Fitzgerald	@MissFitzBF
Year 6	Miss Ali	@MissAliBF
	Mrs Diwan	@mrs_diwanBF
Trust	Inclusive Multi Academy Trust	@InclusiveMAT
CEO	Mr Roach	@CEOInclusiveMAT
Headteacher	Miss Tyler	@Headcherrytree
Headteacher	Mr Gray	@HeadLHS

Attached is a letter from Hertfordshire County Council, which whilst lengthy, is full of important information. In summary it discusses:

Vulnerable children, children with an education, health and care (EHC) plans or social worker

Those with an education, health and care (EHC) plan or with a social worker should attend for face to face learning.

Children of critical workers who may attend school or college

Schools can also provide face to face learning to children of critical workers essential to the COVID-19 response and EU transition. You should only send children into school or college if there is no way they can stay at home and learn remotely.

Learning remotely

Remote learning does not need to be online or 'live' to be impactful and real-time or live teaching. Comparisons between different schools cannot easily be made. Even within schools, one year group will not necessarily receive the same offer as another.

What children and young people can and cannot do during the national lockdown

No household mixing indoors. Individuals can meet just one other person (not household) outdoors for exercise whilst maintaining a 2m distance

Vaccine roll out

The vaccine is currently being rolled out in Hertfordshire, with many of our residents aged 80 and over and our health and social care workers having already had their first vaccine.

Childcare and early years

Nurseries remain open. Nurseries face the same challenges as schools. Consider sending in your child(ren) in for the days you need if essential.

Across the Inclusive Multi Academy Trust an amazing 92% of children have accessed online learning a home or at school. Our aim is to hit 100% this week. If you are having any issues, please contact the school office so they can get you the support that you need.

The government, NHS and Public Health England have been very clear that we are at a vital point, where the virus is transmitting at a rapid rate and hospitals are under extreme pressure. Schools have been closed to most children in order to reduce the very high risk of transmission of the virus, within the wider community, as well as within our own school community. Despite these measures, in the past week, we have had a number of staff, children and parents test positive and have had to close two critical worker bubbles as a result. Unfortunately, teachers and school staff do not have a magic cloak of immunity, please be considerate of others and only send your children in if it is absolutely critical for them to come to school. Please also be aware that you must not send children back who are awaiting test results or living with anyone who is awaiting test results.

Thank you again to everyone for pulling together. The courage, high standards, teamwork, good humour, community spirit, determination and resilience that everyone is showing is truly heartening and we are so proud of our community.

Yours sincerely,

James Roach – CEO, Inclusive Multi Academy Trust
Gillian Jackson – Headteacher, Beechfield School
Cheska Tyler – Headteacher, Cherry Tree School
Sebastian Gray – Headteacher, Laurance Haines School