

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2020



Dear Parents,

We have become aware that some parents and pupils are having difficulty logging into lessons using Teams when isolating at home. Invites to lessons are available in the year group Team and the relevant channel, eg. Maths. From this point you can either click on the relevant scheduled meeting and use the 'Click here to join the meeting' link or join the lesson via the 'join now' link. Please be aware that lessons may not start at precise times as the school day can throw up all sorts of occurrences which can sometimes delay the start of lessons. Please be patient, the Class Teacher will start the online lesson as soon as they can.



We are taking part in Road Safety Week between 16 - 22 November. This is in association with Brake, the road safety charity. The purpose of this is to raise awareness about road safety and to help save lives.

Road crashes are one of the biggest causes of death and serious injury among children and young people. Dangerous roads also affect their ability to walk, cycle and live healthy active lifestyles. That's why it's important to **raise awareness** of the risks on roads, as well as **reaching out to parents and the wider community**.

Please find attached a KS1 colouring sheet and some KS2 activities sheets for your child to do ahead of the week.

#nonedtospeed #roadsafetyweek

## COVID- 19 MATTERS

### PUBLIC HEALTH ENGLAND UPDATE: What is meant by a 'contact'?

A 'contact' is a person who has been close to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 anytime from 2 days before the person was symptomatic up to 10 days from onset of symptoms (this is when they are infectious to others). For example, a contact can be:

- people who spend significant time in the same household as a person who has tested positive for COVID-19
- a person who has had face-to-face contact (within one metre), with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, including:
  - being coughed on
  - having a face-to-face conversation within one metre
  - having skin-to-skin physical contact, or
  - contact within one metre for one minute or longer without face-to-face contact



- a person who has been within 2 metres of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 for more than 15 minutes
- a person who has travelled in a small vehicle with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 or in a large vehicle or plane near someone who has tested positive for COVID-19

**Guidance for parents of school aged children has been revised** – you can find the link on gov.uk or here:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak?utm\\_source=12%20November%202020%20C19&utm\\_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm\\_campaign=DFE%20C19](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak?utm_source=12%20November%202020%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DFE%20C19)



Yesterday, you would have received our first PSA newsletter and we hope that you enjoyed reading it. As you would have seen, raffle tickets for the Bishops Down Big Christmas Raffle are now on sale. They cost **£1.00 per ticket** and will be available until **midnight on Thursday, 10th December**. This year, the raffle is being run online and you can buy your tickets by heading to this website:

<https://raffall.com/142869/enter-raffle-to-win-bishops-down-christmas-raffle-hosted-by-bishops-down-school-psa>.

Thank you to everyone who has already donated to their Class Christmas Hamper. This is so kind of you. Please remember that you have until **Friday, 27th November** to donate to the hampers.

Please note that this year our Christmas jumper day will be in support of the PSA and not Save the Children as in previous years.

We've recently created some new social media accounts for the Bishops Down PSA. We will use these to inform you of our fundraising events and how you can support us. If you are on Instagram or Facebook then please do give us a follow.

Your continued support of the Bishops Down PSA is hugely appreciated. It is only through your generosity that we are able to raise vital funds for our fabulous school. So thank you

This week we have commemorated Armistice Day by way of a whole school assembly at 11 o'clock on the 11<sup>th</sup> November and class displays. We have also taken part in raising money for Children in Need.



## Vacancy for Clerk to Governors

The Governors of Bishops Down Primary and Nursery School are looking to employ a clerk to governors to assist them in the strategic leadership of our successful and popular school.

The clerk to the governing body is responsible for:

Convening and attending meetings of the governing body

Taking minutes

Keeping a register of governing body members and attendance

Keeping a track of membership

Giving advice and support on relevant procedure and regulations.

Experience is preferred but we would be happy to employ an enthusiastic person willing to attend local training from The Education People and be supported by the governing body.

You need to be an excellent administrator as you will play a vital role in organising governing body meetings, accurately recording our work by producing effective minutes, provide advice and guidance on governance, on constitutional matters, duties and powers, and in securing the continuity of business.

Flexibility is important as some hours will be during the school day and others in the evening. Some of the work can be completed from home, although attendance at school is required for meetings.

Being able to work at home, under your own initiative, is an essential part of the job as you will be managing deadlines and updating and keeping accurate written and electronic records.

A key part of your role will be the ability to remain impartial, comply with data protection legislation and maintain confidentiality.

We are an enthusiastic and friendly governing body and our clerk is a valuable and essential asset. The duties you will undertake efficiently will make a real difference to our role in school improvement. The work is interesting, varied and challenging, as well as rewarding, and we look forward to your application.

If you are interested or would like more information about this paid position KR6 (£20,585 to £22,469 depending on experience) paid pro-rata at please contact the school office.