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Dear Parents/Carers

## Arrangements for the Spring Term

We are so thankful for your ongoing support and commitment in helping us to run as safely as possible here at Broadstone First. As we come towards the end of the autumn term we know lots of you will be starting to think ahead to the arrangements for the spring.

The following things will remain in place:

- ✓ Trainers
- ✓ Paper bags for lunches
- ✓ No backpacks or book bags
- ✓ PE kit days
- ✓ KS2 - We will supply stationery but this will be at a charge from January

## Footwear from January 2021

From January your child/children are welcome to wear school shoes if they wish or if you have already purchased a pair for them. However, we are not insisting on this and they can continue to wear trainers in the new term. There are many reasons behind this decision. From a school perspective we have seen an increased number of pupils walking to school, more than we've ever had before, and whilst we have allocated PE days, our current curriculum actively encourages daily physical activity. From a financial perspective, on the run up to Christmas we do not want to add to families load to have to organise and purchase new shoes for January and we recognise that many of the pupils would not be in these shoes for long enough to warrant purchasing a new pair. Therefore, this arrangement will be in place until the end of the academic year. From September 2021 we would expect all pupils to be back in suitable school shoes and we would hope you can support us in ensuring this happens.

## Lunch Bags and Backpacks

In a bid to continue to keep transmission rates as low as they have been at BFS we want to continue to run with minimal items coming to and from school. This has worked incredibly well for us during the Autumn term, not only has it reduced touch points but has also significantly reduced our lost property items. Lunches need to continue to come into school daily in a disposable bag. Water bottles will continue to stay in school, be washed daily and returned home every Friday. We are looking into the return of hot meals, we hope to update you before Christmas.

## Broader and Wider Curriculum

As we move further into the year we need to ensure that our learners have access to a broad and balanced curriculum. We have considered how to be able to do this following our extensive risk assessment and government guidelines.

As of January, children will be based in year group bubbles. The benefits of this will support the provision we can offer each learner on a day to day basis including interventions, classroom support and extracurricular activities. Our Learning Support Assistants will continue to work across both classes within a year group. We will be avoiding contact between year groups and therefore break times and lunchtimes will continue to be staggered. Playgrounds will be split and supervised by staff in each year group.

## PE Kit

The next stage of the curriculum will see pupils accessing PE lessons twice a week. To avoid bringing more equipment into school we would ask that on your child's PE days they come into school wearing their PE kit.

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**RECEPTION – Tuesday and Wednesday**  
**YEAR 1 – Monday and Tuesday**  
**YEAR 2 – Thursday and Friday**  
**YEAR 3 – Wednesday and Thursday**  
**YEAR 4 – Monday and Tuesday**

Please can you ensure your child wears the correct PE kit on these days. (Red PE shirt, black shorts, trainers and a warm tracksuit consisting of joggers and a hooded jumper)

**Stationery Expectations**

During the autumn term we supplied every child with a full set of stationery in a new pencil case and have continued to replenish this. This has been a large financial commitment that sadly we just cannot continue in the same way. For all Reception and KS1 children we will continue to provide stationery throughout the year.

In Year 3 and Year 4, in line with what we ordinarily do all children in KS2 will have their equipment replenished at the end of term and should they need to replace anything we will do this but will need to charge you for the cost of the items via ParentPay. We will charge you at the end of each term for the items that have been purchased. Below is a list of stationery that we expect each pupil to have in school to be able to complete their learning effectively in the classrooms. Please note, we do not make any profit from selling these items. Instead we ensure families can purchase these at a reasonable price.

Item	Cost
Full Pencil Case	£3.50
Pencil case no larger than 32 x 4 x 10 cm	£1.50
2 x Writing pencils	5p per pencil
2 x Blue handwriting pens (Not biro)	25p per pen
1 Eraser	5p
1 x 30cm ruler	15p
1 Pencil sharpener	5p
1 Glue stick	20p
1 Dry wipe pen (black ink)	10p
1 Purple pen (for editing and improving work)	10p
1 Green highlighter	25p per pen
1 Yellow highlighter	
Scissors	40p
Coloured pencils	5p per pencil

*(Please note the above prices will incur an addition 1.5% fee due to the administration costs via ParentPay).*

If you have any concerns or worries with regards to the charges around the stationery please contact the school office directly.

Finally, we have been busy revising the guidance around after school sports clubs and we hope to be able to offer this in year group bubbles from January. We will write to you before Christmas regarding how we can move forward with these.

As always, if you have any questions or queries regarding any of the above please do get in contact.

Best Wishes



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