

Growing responsible global citizens

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Information Update

Dear Parents/Carers

Firstly, I want to thank you for supporting us in getting your children back into school so smoothly. It is so lovely to see them all back. We want to keep you as up to date as possible on things that are happening and to pass on any information you may need, please see below -

Times of Day –

We have now returned to 20 minute drop off and collection times. Please see times below –

Morning -

A - K - 8.40am - 8.50am

L - Z - 8.50am - 9.00am

Afternoon -

A - K - 3.00pm - 3.10pm

L - Z - 3.10pm - 3.30pm

Easter Free School Meal Vouchers –

Easter FSM vouchers will be issued on Tuesday 30th March. The voucher is to cover the 2 weeks of the Easter holiday – Monday 5th April to Friday 16th April. It is valued at £30 per child (£15 per week). The voucher should come as a text and/ or email and is from Wonde.

If you have any issues with your voucher, contact school and we will try to help.
If we print your vouchers, we will be doing this before we finish for the Easter break.

‘Play Scheme in a Bag’ for FSM Children –

We will be handing out a ‘Playscheme in a Bag’ for each pupil who is entitled to FSM. This is part of the DfE funded ‘Holiday Activities and Food’. Within the bags will also be information about holiday activity fund provision which families can be signposted to. These will be distributed the week beginning 29th March, before we finish for Easter.

Borrowed Technology –

If you still have borrowed technology at home, please bring this back to school as soon as possible, no later than Tuesday 30th March. If you have any questions about this, please contact the school office using the contact information above.

Items for OPAL Play –

Any donations that you can make for our outdoor play programme can be brought to school during the week beginning 29th March or the week beginning 19th April (after the Easter holiday). The items can be passed to staff on the gates on Benchill Road. Only bring items in the designated weeks. Thank you.

Please remember that any items you are bring need to be safe and useable.



Headteacher: Mrs H Eken
Heads of School: Mrs F Davies & Miss A Holt
Chair of Governors: Mr Ian Madley



Easter Egg Decorating Competition –

Please remember that any decorated eggs are NOT coming in to school this year. A picture of the egg needs to be sent to your child's class teacher by Wednesday 31st March. Please make sure your child's name is clear to see. We are asking the children for a £1 donation to enter. All information is on the letter sent out earlier this week.

'Bubbles' After Easter –

We are planning to move from class bubbles to year group bubbles after the Easter holiday. This will be for some learning and when playing outside. Lunchtimes will continue as they are now.

Looking After Each Other –

We want everyone to be as safe as possible - please look after yourselves and your families and follow all the government guidance. We are all working so hard as a school community and although Covid-19 hasn't gone away, we are all learning to manage our new way of life. Stay strong.

If you have any questions about any of the above or just need to get in touch, you can call us at school on 0161 998 3075 or email at admin@benchill.manchester.sch.uk

Stay safe



Mrs Eken
Headteacher