



Benchill Primary School

Easter Newsletter



1st April 2021

Dear Parents/ Carers,

This has certainly been the most challenging Spring term we have had to face, but I want to thank all of you and your children for your amazing resilience and strength you have shown in managing all that has happened.

The children have settled back into school brilliantly and we are all so proud of all that they have achieved since they have returned to school.

I hope you all have a safe and peaceful Easter and I look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 19th April.

Kind regards,

Mrs Eken

Year Group Bubbles and Friday Afternoons

We have reviewed our Risk Assessment and we are planning to move from class bubbles to year group bubbles after the Easter break. Each year group will have their own designated space to play outside.

From Friday 23rd April, school is planning to be open for ALL children on a Friday afternoon.

Everyone will finish between 3pm – 3.20pm, as they do for the rest of the week.

We will of course be monitoring the government announcements and may need to review this decision if anything changes as we move forward through the road maps.



Reporting Positive Covid-19 Cases

It is important that you continue to report any positive cases of Covid-19 to us, even though we will not be in school.

You must report any new cases of Covid-19 by emailing the following address:

covid19@benchill.manchester.sch.uk

A member of staff will be monitoring this email up until Wednesday 7th April.

Any cases after this date do not need to be reported to school but would still be reported to NHS Test and Trace. Positive cases have to be reported to school up to this date so we can help identify any close contacts and speak to people if they need to self-isolate.



Communication From School

We are starting to use **School Jotter** to share letters, notifications and share important announcements.

School Jotter is an app that is linked to our website. It can be downloaded on Apple or Android devices.

This is an easy way to keep you up to date with the latest school news and events.

From September, the school plans to stop sending paper copies of letters so now might be a good time to try the app over summer term.



Attendance

One of the most important things you can do for your child's future is make sure they go to school, particularly after all the disruption they have faced over the last year. School attendance is mandatory for all children aged 5 – 16 years old.

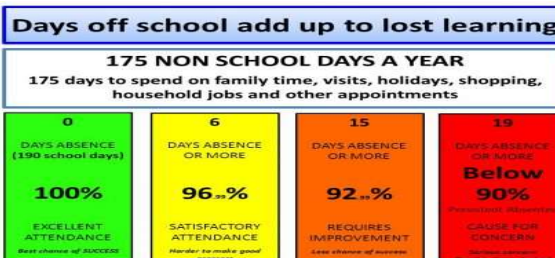
Below is a reminder of how you can contact school should your child not be well enough to attend.

Telephone: 0161 998 3075 – selecting Option 1

Send an e-mail: attendance@benchill.manchester.sch.uk

Send a Text: 07912 203 521

Studybugs app: <https://studybugs.com/about/parents>



PE Days

Children come to school in their PE kit on PE day.
They stay in their PE kit all day.
The children will be using outside as much as they can so please ensure your child has appropriate clothing and shoes on that day e.g tracksuit/ leggings/ jumper/ trainers.

PE Days after Easter are as follows -

Monday - Reception

Year 1

Year 5

Tuesday - Nursery

Wednesday - Year 6

Thursday - Year 2

Year 3

Year 4



Keeping Safe Over Easter and When We Return

As the Easter holidays approach and the lockdown restrictions are beginning to ease, it is important that we all continue to play our part in reducing the spread of the virus. Please do not take risks, follow guidance and stay safe.

When returning to school after Easter, it is really important for all parents to continue follow the guidance when entering the school grounds:

- Wear a face covering unless you are exempt.
- Follow our one way systems, this is to help keep a flow of traffic moving through school in one direction
- Do not bring extra adults with you when dropping off or collecting your children
- When coming to collect your child, please remember to leave space at the classroom doors
- If you need to speak to your child's class teacher, you can ring school and ask them to return your call or you can email them



If You Need Help Over the Holidays –

Important
Information



If you need any help over the Easter holiday or at any time, here are some useful links to websites/ pages that may be of help –

Manchester Local Offer –

<https://hsm.manchester.gov.uk/kb5/manchester/directory/localoffer.page?localofferchannel=0>

NSPCC – <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>

Young Minds - <https://youngminds.org.uk/>

Help with Food - <https://www.facebook.com/communitygrocery/>

Foodbank - <https://www.trusselltrust.org/get-help/find-a-foodbank/wythenshawe/>

Early Help - <https://hsm.manchester.gov.uk/kb5/manchester/directory/site.page?id=Pa30YkIftcs>



School will close for Easter on Thursday 1st April 2021

School will re-open on Monday 19th April 2021

Happy Easter!

