

# Brereton CE Primary School

Friday 15th May 2020



Dear Parents,

Thank you for your patience this week. We have been incredibly busy working on a number of different scenarios, whilst also creating action plans and risk assessments, ready for the **possible** re-opening of school on 1st June. Our main objective this week has been to gain further clarity around the guidance issued by the Department of Education on Monday evening. This continues to be updated so we are not able to share our final plans with you at the moment.

On Tuesday, CDAT heads are meeting to share their plans and have them approved by the Trust. Once this agreement has been secured we will outline the timetable for return. This is a huge responsibility for us and we do not take it lightly. We know that whilst children are missing school, parents and staff feel worried and have lots of questions.

When the time comes for some children to return, we will be doing everything we can to follow the guidance issued by the DfE to keep everyone safe. Here are some of the measures that will be in place:

- Children will be in smaller classes (max 15) with one teacher and one teaching assistant.
- Children will be encouraged to wash their hands at regular intervals and will be supervised doing so.
- Play times and lunch times will be staggered.
- Children will be provided with their own set of resources.
- Equipment will be cleaned after use.
- Cleaning will take place throughout the school day.

- Stringent cleaning measures will be in place at the end of the school day.
- There will be a weekly deep clean.
- Parents will be given staggered times to arrive at school and to collect children.
- Families will be encouraged to continue to observe the current social distancing guidance out of school so must not be mixing with other households.

These are challenging times for us all. Many of you will be anxious to get back to work but many will be worried about sending children back to school. School staff understand and share those anxieties for their own children and families. We will do everything we can to respond to the guidance given by the government but will also be ensuring that we do this safely. We will respect every parents decision and we ask that you do the same.

Next week, we will give you as much information as possible. We also draft a letter to the children, which you may share with your child if you wish. In the meantime, I have attached the Government guidance for parents which may answer some of your questions. Please note, that government guidance is not statutory and as a school, we can choose how and when we re-open and we will do so in a way which best suits our school.

Your support throughout the past few weeks and the dedication of our staff team has made me incredibly proud of our Brereton family. Thank-you so much for working with us and for your patience in very uncertain times.

Have a lovely weekend.,

Mrs McLean



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## Time Table Rock Stars

Thank you to all of the children who took part in our latest TTRS competition. Unfortunately, we know a few people experienced technical difficulties during the week. However, we were still 3rd overall and scored an impressive 74,347 points so well done! Certificates are in the post.

## Look to the Rainbow

Thank you to everyone who has sent videos in for our 'Look to the Rainbow' project. We have temporarily opened the Messenger part of our Facebook so videos can be sent via there if people are struggling to e-mail them.

If you would like to take part please visit <https://worshipforeveryone.com/looking-to-the-rainbow>. We could do with a few more entries!

## New Starters

Miss Wellings has recorded the New Starter meetings for parents. It can be found on our school website.

[www.breretonprimaryschool.org.uk/page/new-starters/68297](http://www.breretonprimaryschool.org.uk/page/new-starters/68297)

We hope you find it useful. Packs are being posted this weekend. Please return completed forms to school as soon as possible.

## Rose Queen

Our Rose Queen, Elizabeth has been out and about these past few weeks delivering a bit of cheer to some of the residents of Brereton that are in isolation (whilst keeping to strict social distancing rules!). Well done Elizabeth!

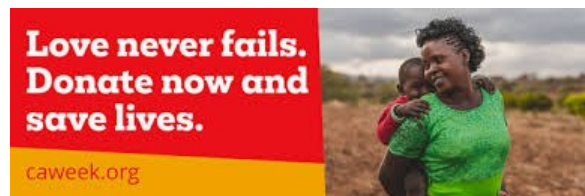


## Food Bank

Reverend Sandi has been working with the Parish Council to establish a local Food Bank. She hopes for it to open next Thursday afternoon and it will initially be based at the Rectory. If you need this support please get in touch and we will let Rev Sandi to know to expect you. All referrals will be confidential. If you wish to donate items please drop them off at school or at the Rectory. Thank you in advance!

## Christian Aid Week

This week is Christian Aid week. Christian Aid is an international charity which helps people who are in need around the world. The theme of this year's Christian Aid Week is 'Love Unites Us All'. While we have been off school, lots of people have been helping each other. This has not just been people in their own homes and family members, but their neighbours and even strangers in the community through volunteer groups. Can you think of all the ways we have been helping each other during this period? You may want to talk to a grown up about this. Can you use this to create a poster, a painting, a poem or something else to show these thoughtful acts of love and kindness.



## Half Term

Half term begins on Monday 25th May. We have decided not to set work over the half term. If you wish to continue Home Schooling please use the resources on our website, under our Home Learning tab.



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## Drawings

We would like to put pictures the children have drawn all around the school perimeter so we are asking all pupils to draw a picture of themselves on A4 paper. We thought it might be nice to draw themselves doing something they have learnt to do whilst in lockdown (tying their shoelaces, a new football trick, making a cup of tea etc.).

Please send the pictures via post or e-mail. We can't wait to see them!

## Free School Meals

If anyone is struggling with their Edenred vouchers then please let the school office know by phoning or e-mailing [admin@breretonprimary.org.uk](mailto:admin@breretonprimary.org.uk).

During these difficult times, more families may be entitled to free school meal vouchers. Please visit Cheshire East's website to see if you are eligible.

[www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/  
free\\_school\\_meals.aspx](http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/free_school_meals.aspx)

## Forest School



We are currently trying to establish a Forest School here at Brereton. Forest School offers children regular opportunities to achieve and develop confidence and self-esteem through hands-on learning experiences in a woodland or natural environment with trees. It is a specialised learning approach that sits within and

complements the wider context of outdoor and woodland education.

It would be really helpful if parents could donate any of the following items:

- Planks and logs to make seating areas
- Bricks, slabs, tiles
- Trees, plants, bushes
- Rope, tarpaulin, pegs
- Garden tools
- Bird houses
- Bird feeders
- Outdoor clothing
- Kitchen implements – pots, pans, cake trays, spoons, spatulas
- Tyres (range of sizes)
- Pallets
- Large cable drums
- Guttering, pipes



Thank you in advance!

*Loving God,  
we seek your presence  
in the silence beyond words  
looking to you for comfort,  
strength, protection and reassurance  
breathing with gratitude  
holding on to hope  
trusting with faith  
that you are still God  
in the midst of the turmoil  
and that your love reaches  
to the ends of the earth.  
Be present with us now.  
(Silence)  
Amen.*



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**NHS**  
Cheshire and Wirral Partnership  
NHS Foundation Trust

## Out of Hours Advice Line Children & Young People

Wirral & Cheshire Wide

Are you an adult working with a young person and concerned about their mental health? Talk to us!

Are you worried about your child's mental health? Talk to us!

Are you a child & worried about your mental health? You can ring us too!

5pm - 10pm Mon to Fri  
12pm - 8pm Weekends  
**01244 397644**

[www.mind.org.uk/coronavirus-we-are-here-for-you/](http://www.mind.org.uk/coronavirus-we-are-here-for-you/)

Samaritans

[www.samaritans.org/how-we-can-help/support-and-information/if-youre-having-difficult-time/if-youre-worried-about-your-mental-health-during-coronavirus-outbreak/](http://www.samaritans.org/how-we-can-help/support-and-information/if-youre-having-difficult-time/if-youre-worried-about-your-mental-health-during-coronavirus-outbreak/)

Citizens Advice

[www.citizensadvice.org.uk/](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/)

Food Bank

[www.trusselltrust.org/get-help/find-a-foodbank/](http://www.trusselltrust.org/get-help/find-a-foodbank/)

NSPCC

[www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/coronavirus-advice-support-children-families-parents/](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/coronavirus-advice-support-children-families-parents/)

Visyon:

[www.visyon.org.uk/support-for-parents](http://www.visyon.org.uk/support-for-parents)



### Useful Websites:

Cheshire East

[www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/council\\_and\\_democracy/council\\_information/coronavirus/coronavirus-covid-19.aspx](http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/council_and_democracy/council_information/coronavirus/coronavirus-covid-19.aspx)

Mind

### We are here if you need us...

School is staffed from 8am-4pm Monday-Friday. Leave a message and we will return your call.

Alternatively, e-mail [admin@breretonprimary.org.uk](mailto:admin@breretonprimary.org.uk) and we will forward to the most appropriate member of staff.



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