

CHALKHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Thursday 5th November 2020

Dear Parents, Pupils and Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the autumn term. I hope you were all able to have a restful break.

Last Saturday, the Prime Minister announced that a four-week national lockdown will begin today with non-essential shops and businesses, hospitality and leisure venues being closed. Schools, however, will remain open and at Chalkhill, the continued safety of all our pupils, staff and families remains the number one priority. Pupils will continue to work in bubbles, with staggered times for break, lunch and the start and end of the school day. Unfortunately, we will not be running breakfast club or after school clubs until further notice.

Please make sure that you are aware of and follow the latest government guidelines: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/new-national-restrictions-from-5-november>. This will include informing the school if you or a member of your family develop symptoms or need to self-isolate. We understand that this is a worrying time for all, but please be assured that we are taking every precaution necessary to mitigate the risks of contracting and spreading Covid-19. The updated risk assessment is now available to view on the school website. <https://www.chalkhillprimaryschool.co.uk/page/?title=Coronavirus+Updates&pid=172>

Yesterday, there was a Year 2 Phonics meeting for parents which provided information on the reading process and how to support your child with phonics. Thank you the parents who attended the meeting. If you have any further questions about phonics, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Parent consultation telephone meetings for pupils in Nursery to Year 5 will be taking place after school next Monday and Tuesday from 3:30pm onwards. Please make sure you are available to have the discussion about your child's attainment and progress with the class teacher. Appointment times were sent out earlier this week and interim reports will go out tomorrow. For pupils in Year 6, parent consultation meetings will take place face-to-face in an office with a screen and large enough to maintain social distancing. Upon arrival, you will be requested to fill in a pre-visit risk assessment form and wear a face mask for the duration of the meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please make sure to inform the school office as soon as possible.

Parent Consultation dates:

- Parent Consultation phone calls: Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th November from 3:30 onwards.
- 6MB Parent Consultation day: Wednesday 11th November
- 6M Parent Consultation day: Thursday 12th November

Next week is Children in Need and this year's theme is '5 to Thrive' which focuses on improving our physical and mental health during these tough and uncertain times. Throughout the week, pupils will participate in a number of fun activities to promote wellbeing. On Friday, we are encouraging all pupils to come to school wearing spotty clothes and donate £1 to the charity.

Kind Regards,
Ms To
Head of School



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Brent Educational Psychology Service Parent Drop-In Sessions with an Educational Psychologist (EP)

By Telephone.

Date: Wednesday 25th November 2020.

Book a 45 minute session* between 9.30am and 12.30pm.

*sessions must be booked in advance



The EP parent drop-in sessions are offered to any **parent or carer who has a child in a Brent school** and who would like to have some time to discuss any concerns with an educational psychologist (examples may include: your child's emotional well-being, challenging behaviours, learning progress, your relationship with your child or some of your own worries). **The sessions aim to be supportive, confidential and informal.** Each session is up to 45 minutes.

To book a session contact the Brent EPS on 07867 189440 or email: eps@brent.gov.uk

There are limited spaces and sessions are allocated on a first book first offered basis



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Firework Safety



[Read more about the risks and our guide to buying and using fireworks safely](#)

Watching fireworks is great fun. But taking care is important especially as children are more likely to get hurt by fireworks than adults. There are simple things that can reduce the risk to your family.

General safety reminders

Children under five are too young to safely hold a sparkler and don't really understand why they might be dangerous. Avoid giving them one to hold.

Babies or children can wriggle in your arms and reach out unexpectedly. Avoid holding a baby or child when you have a sparkler in your hand.

Children over five will still need you to supervise them when they use sparklers. It's safest if they wear gloves when they're holding them. They might seem like 'fireworks lite' but sparklers can reach a temperature of 2000°C. Have a bucket of water handy to put them in so that no-one can pick up a hot one off the ground. Teach them not to wave sparklers near anyone else or run with them.

Firework safety – the basics

- Make sure children stand at a safe distance from the bonfire.
- Keep everyone well back from the display.
- Never return to a lit firework.
- Never throw fireworks.
- Keep fireworks in a closed metal box.
- Always follow the instructions when using fireworks.

Sparkler safety

A sparkler can reach a temperature of up to 2,000 degrees Celsius – 20 times the boiling point of water. And three sparklers burning together generate the same heat as a blowtorch!

- Always hold sparklers at arm's length and wear gloves when handling them.
- Do not hold babies and young children while you are holding a sparkler – they can reach out unexpectedly and grab at them.
- Do not give sparklers to children under 5. They are too young to hold them safely and do not understand why they might be dangerous.
- Older children can be trusted with sparklers, but need supervision. Teach them not to wave sparklers near anyone else or run while holding them.
- Once sparklers are out, make sure you put them in a bucket of water.



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Did you know...

- Over 500 children under 16 are rushed to A&E in the four weeks surrounding bonfire night.
- Many more boys than girls are injured by fireworks – especially boys aged 12 to 15.
- The most common injuries are to hands, followed by the eyes and face.
- Most injuries happen at family bonfire parties or private displays. Understanding the dangers of fireworks can prevent injuries and in some cases save lives.

What to do in an emergency

COOL, CALL, COVER

COOL for 20 minutes under cool running water, CALL 999 OR 111 or your GP for advice, COVER the burn loosely with cling film.

- Don't touch the burn or pull at any clothing that might be stuck to it.
- If someone's clothing catches on fire, get them to stop and drop to the ground and roll them any heavy material (like a curtain).
- Get advice from a doctor, the A&E department at your local hospital, or call the NHS for advice on "NHS 111"
- Get medical advice for any burn on a child larger than a postage stamp.
- If the burn involves a child's face, hands, feet, joints or genitals, it should be seen by a doctor.



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