



BEESTON HALL SCHOOL

10th November 2020

Dear Parents,

Please see a range of information below concerning the following:

1. *Children in Need* (From Mrs Davies)
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Children in Need

Many thanks for all the rattling Smartie tubes that have been mounting up in the school office – already over £300! I hope your child enjoyed earning these extra pennies for charity, possibly by lending a hand around the house over the half term break.

As you may know, the appeal night is this **Friday 13th November**. The younger members of our school community will mark the occasion by taking part in the final moments of *Joe Wicks' 24 hour workout* and we hope to add to the money he is raising by encouraging all children to come to school on **Friday** dressed as a hero. This can be their favourite super hero or a local/ community hero and we ask for a donation of £1 from those choosing to dress up in support of this cause. These donations can be added to the school bill if you would prefer not to send in money at this time.

Parents on Site

Please may we remind you that no parents should be on site (leave their vehicle) unless they have an arranged appointment with somebody at the school. Any parent or visitor that is on site **must wear a face mask** when walking to sign in at Reception.

Birthday Cakes and Parties (for day pupils)

The lockdown means that children, once again, are unable to meet up in any way for birthday celebrations, for fear of breaking the law as well as increasing transmission risk. Our boarders, in their different pods, have the long tradition of birthday tables (and the inexplicable routines that come with it!) continuing, but the day children do miss out. Our view is that, being the one place where a group can meet legitimately, school could provide the basis of a birthday party. It will not be the same as home but, with sufficient notice and time for cake in 48 hour 'quarantine', we can set aside some time for a small party at Little Tea. After all, wellbeing is essential for all and these milestones are important and keenly anticipated!

Please note we are a nut-free school. If you have further questions concerning this please contact Nurse Alison (nurse@beestonhall.co.uk).

Changes to activities

Due to recent events, and to tighten further our Covid-19 procedures and protocols, after school care (activities) will continue in the same 'bubbles' as the school day, until further notice. The biggest impact is on the Junior activities sessions for Years 3 to 5, before supper. This means potential changes to the activity list, which will be more 'bespoke' each day. 'Paid for' activities should not change but please be aware of this and contact the office if it has an impact on your pick-up times.

The wearing of face masks

The Government have said face coverings should be worn by adults and children aged 11 and above when moving around the premises, outside of classrooms or activity rooms, such as in corridors and communal areas, where social distancing cannot easily be maintained. We are now asking all Y7 and Y8 children to carry and wear a face mask with them at school. Please see the attached policy; I am aware that many of the Y8's and Y7's already have them. Please ensure your son/daughter has a face mask – we will provide a disposable one in the short term, if necessary.

Covid-19 email account

Please be aware that all Covid-19 related emails should be sent to covid@beestonhall.co.uk On a similar note, if a member of your household gets tested for any reason please share this information to this address so that we can keep our records updated. If you have had a test and haven't let the school know please do so that we have a complete picture of the Beeston community.

Year 3 at 8am Wednesday 18th November; Year 8 on Thursday 19th November evening, from 5pm

Apologies for the conflicting information previously. For Year 8 it is important the child, if possible, has a chance to settle back in, returning their belongings to their locations and have a seamless start on Friday morning. Please be in touch if this presents a problem.

Best wishes,

Bob Hammond
Deputy Head (Pastoral)