



Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Drop-off and Pick-up**

We continue to review the arrangements we have in place and will not be making any changes for the coming week.

### **Important Reminder**

Please be sure to follow the government guidance for you and your child(ren) to stay away from the school site if anyone in your household is showing signs of Covid-19 symptoms, and for the person with symptoms to be tested.

Once the test result has been received, please notify the school office immediately. If the test is negative, we shall be delighted to see your child(ren) back in school straightaway, even if that is part-way through the day.

I am aware that some families have experienced difficulty in getting a test.

These pieces of information, which I have not been able to substantiate, may help, though parents' experiences have differed:

- Appointments for testing for the following day open at 8:00 pm each evening. Phoning at or shortly after 8:00 pm will likely improve the chance of getting a next day appointment.
- A number of home test kits are released at 8:00 am each morning and other batch is released at 12:00 noon. Once these are gone that's it for the day!
- Another message said that new slots become available during the day when all other slots are filled

I understand the immense frustration associated with needing a test and finding it difficult to source one. Do please be persistent and supportive of our measures to do all we can to maximise the safety of the whole school community. Thank you for your support.

### **TRAFFIC!!!**

I am aware that there are some parents/carers parking or stopping on Lansdown Lane, or near the school entrances on Broadmoor Lane, blocking pavements, opening car doors into the traffic, causing adults and children to step into the road. *Please* can I ask all parents to be considerate in how you decide to drop off your child at school. Obviously the circumstances are trying for us all, but the top priority is that everyone stays safe. I even had an email from a driver not connected with our school, who witnessed a 'near-miss' on Monday. We have contacted the police and the local authority to ask for their support in ensuring that everybody acts responsibly.

Thank you for reviewing your arrangements and ensuring that you are not adding to the risks to our families.

### **Social Distancing**

Thank you to those parents/carers who are adhering to Social Distancing guidelines (both inside and near to the school site) and our one-way system around the grounds, and thank you too for all the positive comments we have received from you about how well it is working. May I gently remind a few parents about respecting others' space and not stopping to have conversations with other parents on the school site, as this is causing congestion at times. Thank you.

### **A Firm Foundations Focus**

We have now come to the end of the first seven days of school, which we called “Settle, Socialise & Support”, which you may remember we put in place to help pupils to ease back into school life, to re-connect with their classmates and to get to know their ‘new’ teachers.

Happily, we have found that most pupils have seemed very glad to be back and have been quick to settle back in and get started with some work. Whilst we shall continue to be very mindful that some may continue, or indeed begin, to need additional support, we are confident that we can now move into our next four-week phase, starting to shift the focus slowly towards more work in the core curriculum subjects, Maths, Literacy and Science.

We are calling this phase “A Firm Foundations Focus”. During the next four weeks, teachers will be focused on covering and checking the essential key objectives that ordinarily would have been taught in class during the second half of the school year. There will of course be some pupils very ready to start to move ahead and some who will need support to go back and consolidate some aspects of work from the year below. Our plan has this necessary flexibility built into it. We also recognise that for some pupils it may get a little more challenging for a while as they get tired and maybe emotional, perhaps when the ‘novelty’ of being back in school wears off. Our colleagues have some detailed plans in place to ensure that we are able to identify and respond to the differing needs of each of our pupils over the coming weeks. We are also giving careful thought to how we shall run the Parent-Teacher Interviews that usually take place just before or after the October half-term. Nearer the time, we shall let you know how we shall be doing these this year.

### **Absence Due to Illness**

If you would like to register your child’s absence you can now either telephone the School Office on 421786 and leave an answerphone message, or send an email to the school on [attendance@wasp-school.org.uk](mailto:attendance@wasp-school.org.uk).

The email link is accessible via the website too.

Please make sure you have contacted the school by **9.15am at the latest** on the morning of the absence, stating the reason and nature of the illness, or the symptoms. Unfortunately, we can no longer accept “ill” or “poorly” without further detail.

### **ParentPay**

If you are a new parent to WASPS, you should by now have received a notification inviting you to activate “ParentPay”, our system for accepting payments for school items, which also allows us to message you easily. Do please be sure to respond to the notification and activate it, so that you receive the regular letters and updates that we send out.

### **Uniform**

Whilst we are on our temporarily modified curriculum, as we support our pupils in getting back into the routine of school life, although a lot of lesson time is being spent outdoors, there is no need for outdoor clothing for the Monday, Wednesday, Friday outdoor learning slots we were running before Covid-19. We therefore expect pupils to be dressed in school uniform each day, with PE kit in school for PE sessions, which should be taken home weekly to be washed please.



### **School Calendar**

Some of you have been asking when we shall be publishing our School Calendar for the year. As there is currently some uncertainty about which activities will or won't be possible later in the year, we are not going to publish the Calendar just now. Instead we shall continue to keep you updated on a weekly basis, giving you provisional dates when we can, and then confirming nearer the time. Thank you for your patience with this!

### **Reminders:**

#### **Year 6 walking to/from school unaccompanied, and mobile phones**

If you wish your Year 6 child to do this or to leave the school site to meet you somewhere nearby, please put this in writing (email is fine) to me, the Headteacher, via the school office. If this is the case, and you wish your child to carry a mobile phone for security purposes, please put this in the letter too (email is fine). Your child will be expected to hand in their phone to their teacher at the start of the school day and collect it at 3.15pm.

**Pupils are not permitted to bring phones into school under any other circumstances.**

#### **Bikes and Scooters**

If you would like your child to ride a bike or scooter to school and 'park' it in one of our cycle sheds, please request this in writing and a permit will be issued to your child. Please be aware this is entirely at your own risk and that no liability for loss or damage can be accepted by the school. Please ensure that the bike/scooter is clearly and securely labelled with your child's name and class. Please also ensure that your child understands that for safety reasons they must not ride it on school grounds.

#### **Food On Our Doorstep**

Please see the link on our website for information about this valuable local initiative.

#### **Rainbow Resource Scheme**

On our website you will also find a link to the Rainbow Resource Scheme which affords concessions to Rainbow Resource card holders. An application form is attached below.

#### **Have a good weekend!**

This has been a busy week and we imagine that many of our pupils will be tired from being back in school for the first full week. We wish you all a peaceful and restful weekend and look forward to seeing everyone back in on Monday.

With our very best wishes,

**Mrs Sarah Halls**  
Headteacher

**Mrs Sharon Badger**  
Deputy Headteacher





## Rainbow Resource Scheme

### Registration Form

This form can be completed by a parent/carer or young person. You can ask for assistance in completing the form from any professional working with your family or child/young person.

**Name of Child/Young Person** *(One child/young person per application form)*

**Home address**

*(Please note that this Scheme is only available for families living in Bath & North East Somerset)*

Postcode:  Email address:
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**Name of parent or carer**

**Child's Date of Birth**

Day	Month	Year



**Child's Gender**

**Eligibility criteria**

**Please tick the relevant box(es) that apply to your child/young person's needs:**

- Diagnosed condition  
 Has an Education, Health and/or Care Plan (EHCP)  
 In receipt of Disabled Living Allowance (DLA)  
 Receives Band C Inclusion Support Funding

Please note we may need to ask for evidence of the above.

**Please provide further details below about your child/young person's condition (for example Autism, Down's Syndrome, long term health condition etc)**

**If your child/young person has a diagnosed condition please provide further details below**

Diagnosed condition:

Date of diagnosis:

Name of professional:

Address:

Postcode:

Tel No:

**How did you hear about The Rainbow Resource Scheme? [**



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**We are always looking to expand the scheme and are open to your suggestions for new places and attractions where your Rainbow Resource Card can be used. If you have any ideas, please share these below.**

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**Please read and complete the declaration below**

I give my consent for:

- The details that I have given on this form to be entered on to the Bath and North East Somerset Rainbow Resource database.
- The details that I have provided on this form to be included on Bath and North East Somerset's Disabled Children's Register in accordance with the Children's Act 1989. If you do not wish for your child's name to be included on Bath and North East Somerset's Disabled Children's Register, please email [p\\_c\\_comms@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:p_c_comms@bathnes.gov.uk).
- This information to be shared anonymously for monitoring purposes only and understand that details will not be shared with any other parties, except for BANES Carers Centre if the below box is ticked (please see below for further details).

I understand that:

- This information will be treated as confidential and if my child/young person's circumstances or details change I am required to inform you accordingly.

Please sign below to indicate that you consent to the above declaration:

Signature: <i>You do not need to provide a signature if completing online form.</i>	Date:
Please print your name:	
Relationship to child:	
Young person's signature (if appropriate)	



Please print name : Date: **Additional Options**

As you are completing this application, you are likely also to be eligible for a Carers Card from BANES Carers' Centre. This is a free card that offers all registered Carers access to a variety of discounts, benefits and concessions across Bath and North East Somerset. Full details can be found on their website: [www.banescarerscentre.org.uk/help-for-carers/carers-card/](http://www.banescarerscentre.org.uk/help-for-carers/carers-card/)

As much of the essential information on their application form is the same as this one, we are able to send this information to the BANES Carers Centre securely to avoid you completing an additional application form. Please note your information will be kept securely according to both BANES Carers' Centre and Bath and North East Somerset council's GDPR protocol. Please see the Rainbow Resource [privacy policy](#) and [BANES Carers Centre Privacy Policy](#) for more information.

Please tick this box if you agree to us securely sending your details provided within this Rainbow Resource application form across to our colleagues in Bath and North East Somerset Carers Centre in order to register you as a carer and receive your Carers Card.

We may contact Parent Carers of Rainbow Resource card holders periodically to consult with them on a variety of subjects or topics. These will likely involve requesting feedback on future proposals, potential developments to the website and the like. All feedback will be optional and you can opt out at any time.

If you agree to being contacted about the above, please tick the following box:

Please return this form to:

The Rainbow Resource Scheme  
P & C Communications Team  
Bath and North East Somerset Council,  
Lewis House,  
Manvers Street,  
BATH BA1 1JG

Or you can scan and email to [p\\_c\\_comms@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:p_c_comms@bathnes.gov.uk)

This information can be made available in a range of languages, large print, Braille, on tape, electronic and accessible formats.  
Email [p\\_c\\_comms@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:p_c_comms@bathnes.gov.uk)  
If you need translation or interpretation, or someone to sign in BSL for you this can also be arranged.

