



Belleville Wix Academy

Weekly Newsletter 19th June 2020



As we come to the end of our second week with some year groups back at school. I wanted to share how proud I am of the pupils who have returned for adapting to the new systems in place to keep them as safe as we can. Pupils literally skipped into school and their attitudes to learning have been exemplary. What an absolute joy it has been to have pupils and staff back in the building. It would be wrong of me to say we don't have anxieties because we do, just like many of you. We do our best every day to keep our pupils safe and happy. Staff have been wonderful at supporting the pupils to understand the new systems and we are all becoming experts at 2m!



Here are some pictures of our current classrooms.

We will also add some of the welcome videos to our website that staff created for pupils returning to school.

Do you recognise RO?



Do you recognise RM?



Do you recognise 1AB?

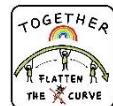


Thank you for your support and understanding

Last week I shared why were unable to open to more pupils in year 2, 3, 4 & 5. Our attendance this week was significantly above national.

	BWA	National
Reception	72%	22%
Year 1	73%	20%
Year 6	87%	26%

This week I wrote to families of pupils in nursery and bilingual classes explaining that BWA would be unable to open for the pupils in these classes. It is a very strange feeling to have to inform families of this. I am so very sorry that this is the case. If we could offer more pupils places at school we absolutely would. I truly appreciate your understanding as I know that this has been a difficult time for so many families. Please be assured we will continue to keep our communication with you and provide great home learning for every pupil. Look out for more information coming your way soon.



Keeping BWA a safe place for everyone

1. My letters to families have expressed the importance of ‘staying safe and alert’ when out of school as the more risk any of us take, the higher the risk that the virus spreads within our community. We are hearing of playdates in houses which will increase risk. I want staff and pupils to be as safe as they can be and hope that you will support us with achieving this aim.
2. DfE guidance states parents should not gather at the school gates and we ask that this is adhered to.
3. Next week will be a hot week, please do ensure pupils have two bottles of water each day.



COVID-19 RESPONSE A Family Guide to suspected COVID 19 at BWA

Attached to this newsletter is our school guide that I hope will be informative. It explains what we will do in school should we have a suspected or confirmed case of COVID 19 at school and what we expect families and staff to do should they develop the known symptoms of this virus.



What are the plans for September?

Like you, we do not know what the government plans to announce about the set up for schools come September. Naturally we hope more year groups will return but how that will look we do not know. There is a lot of media talk about pupil gaps. Of course we know there will be gaps, what the gaps will be we do not know. This depends on many factors, including how much support pupils had with their home learning. I want our families to know that we will address the gaps and I have no doubt that this will require a great partnership between school and home.



Happy Father's Day
to all the
Dads, Grand-Dads,
Step-Dads, Foster-Dads,
Dads-to-be, Dads in Heaven,
Dads to Fur-babies, and
to the Father figures in your life!

Happy Father's Day

On Sunday we celebrate fathers and father figures in our lives and wish these very special people a wonderful day.

I wish you all a very peaceful weekend and good health to enjoy time with those you love.

Miss Henry