



March 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you had a good half-term holiday and that you managed to get a break. As the mornings and evenings get a little lighter and the blossom and bulbs are starting to come through it gives us all some hope that Spring is on its way!

Collection for Ukraine



Unfortunately, as we are hearing in the news daily, some parts of the world are not so fortunate as us and cannot look forward to the start of Spring. As a response to the developing situation in Ukraine, BBEC are planning two events for next week: Mr Ingham is planning a special assembly to explain how the current situation between Ukraine and Russia has developed so that all our students understand what is going on and BBEC has linked with Hub4hope in Brighouse to collect a number of items to be delivered to people in Ukraine.

The items that are needed are:

Nappies
Baby Wipes
Children's socks
Children's underwear
Toiletries, especially toothbrushes and toothpaste.

We know how generous you have been in the past when we have asked for charitable donations. We will have a collection point for any donations in the atrium each morning **Monday 7 March to Thursday 11 March**. The Community Department of our prefects will receive them. Donations from parents, students and staff will be delivered to Hub4hope on **Friday 12 March**.

COVID-19

As part of the Government's Living with Covid plan the rules for schools have changed and the following guidelines are now in place for schools:

- the Government has removed the guidance for staff and students in schools to undertake twice-weekly asymptomatic Lateral Flow testing. We will no longer be sending students home with boxes of LFD test kits.
- the Government has removed the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test. Until the 1st of April adults and children who test positive continue to be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least five full days, and then continue to follow this guidance until they have received two negative test results on consecutive days.
- the Government are no longer asking fully vaccinated close contacts and those aged under 18 to test daily for seven days.

A few reminders



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1. **Attendance:** Now things are beginning to get back to normal it is more important than ever that your child's attendance is high, so that they don't miss out on any more learning. We will be sending attendance certificates to you all so that you can see your child's current attendance. For your information:

90% attendance means a child misses on average 3 lessons per week, **66 lessons missed so far this year.**

80% attendance means a child misses on average 6 lessons per week, **132 lessons missed so far this year.**

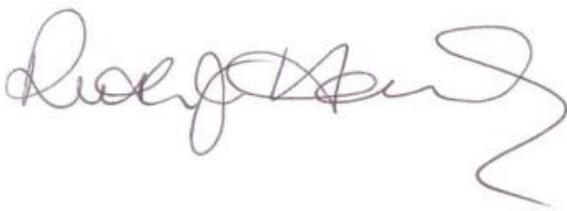
70% attendance means a child misses on average 9 lessons per week, **198 lessons missed so far this year.**

Students need to attend every day. Please do not hesitate to contact school if you need some support with this.

2. **Eyelashes and nails:** A small number of students have returned from the half-term holiday wearing **false eyelashes** and **overly long nails**. These are **not** allowed in school. Refusal to remove the eyelashes or shorten the nails will result in isolation in the BSU until the situation is rectified. Please ensure that strip eyelashes are not worn, semi-permanent eye-lash extensions are removed and nails are cut down before **Monday 7 March** to avoid this.
3. **Bags and Equipment:** To enable learning to happen efficiently students need to be properly prepared. We ask that students bring in **pens, pencils, ruler and have their planner** with them each day. We also ask that they have a **large bag**. Most students do this brilliantly. Would you please check at the weekend that your child has all they need to learn effectively.

As always, I thank you for the support you give us all at BBEC; we've done a recent analysis of Parent voice after Parents' evenings and the comments about the education we are providing and our caring staff have overwhelmed us. However, we recognise that some families are still going through tough times, so please do let us know if we can offer you any support.

Yours sincerely



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Head of School



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