



11th September 2020

With respect and ambition, we flourish together.

Welcome back!

It has been an absolute joy to have the children back at school this week. Every member of staff has said the same and we can all see how happy the children are to be back at school. I would like to thank all parents and carers for helping prepare the children for the return to school. I am very proud of the way the children have returned, following procedures, polite, engaged and smiling! Praise must also go to the staff who have worked so hard to get the school safe, welcoming and engaging. We look forward to a very successful term!

Welcome to our new friends

It has been a delight to welcome Holly, Kaitlin, Flynn, Jacob, Austin, Joseph, Freya, Evie, Henry and Sofia into the Owlets class this week. We have also welcomed Eleri to the Snowy Owls and the Bridestowe family.



Drop off and collection reminder

Please could parents collecting their children at the end of the day use the playground spaces for their classes. Whilst we have a general rule that no parents should be on site, at the end of the day it is far safer to release children to parents on the playground rather than the roadside.

Owlets parents – please come **into** the front playground

Tawny Owl parents – please wait on the pavement by the front gate as normal

Snowy Owl parents – please come **into** the back playground and stand in the half nearest the road.

Barn Owl parents - please come **into** the back playground and stand in the half nearest the school.

This allows lots of space to socially distance and means staff can easily hand all the children to their adult. Thank you for your continued support for our children's safety.

Parent consultations

We would like to offer all parents the opportunity to meet with their class teacher in the weeks beginning the 5th and 12th of October. This could be either in person with social distancing in place, or virtually via Microsoft Teams. This will be an opportunity to discuss how the children progressed during the school closure, how they have returned and their next steps. Look out for an invitation soon.



Music and sport tuition

This term the children will benefit from specialised Music and Sports teachers on Fridays and Tuesdays respectively. Both teachers are part of the Dartmoor Federation and Multi Academy Trust staff and will be following our strict health and safety procedures when entering the school. Not only will the children benefit from the specialist teachers, the staff will use this as a training opportunity to build their skills. This is a great example of the Federation and Trust working together to provide an opportunity that Bridestowe would not be able to afford as a stand alone school.

Please ask

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions about our school opening procedures or if you just want to give some feedback – please do not hesitate to get in contact.



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