



# Blanche Nevile School Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Pupils

I hope that you all remain safe and well during these difficult times.

I would like to start by saying a huge thank you to my Senior Leadership Team, School Business Manager and staff who have been a huge support to me in keeping the school open. Not only are we open for an increasing number of our pupils but we are also providing meaningful home learning opportunities. I am extremely proud that, despite the extremely challenging situation we find ourselves in, we have moments of joy every day when we see how happy our children are to come to school. It has also been a privilege to say 'hello' to so many of you in your own homes when I am able to join our regular video calls to our families.

We continue to operate a shorter school day at our Secondary site and are open to pupils from **9:30 to 13:30**. Over the next few weeks we will be phoning you to discuss the possibility of more pupils attending school. This will be done in line with the government's guidance therefore we will prioritise EYFS, Year 1, Year 6 and Year 10.

I have completed an extremely detailed Risk Assessment which has been shared with the Local Authority and the Governing Body. This is a working document and is continuously updated. I am confident that we have done everything we can to make school as safe as it can be with the information currently available to us.

I must also thank colleagues for contributing brilliantly to our online presence. Do check out our website, our Facebook page and our new You Tube channel. The National Deaf Children's Society (NDCS) has been hugely complimentary and I know that people across the UK and beyond have enjoyed the BSL Signed Stories, the Wednesday Workout etc.

Please continue to stay in touch and do not hesitate to contact us if we can help. We love hearing from you and I send you and your families my very best wishes during these uncertain and unprecedented times.

*Heulwen Rees*

Headteacher

I hope you all had a lovely half-term and you and your families are well. We have settled in well to our new 'home' at Secondary and we are enjoying being on one site. This is the first time in our 125 years that both our Primary and Secondary pupils have been on one site! So this is a historic first for our school.

It has been lovely to see all of the fantastic learning your children have been uploading to their Seesaw accounts and we thank you for embracing this new way of learning. Remember to follow us on our social media platforms for activities you can join in at home. Keep an eye on our website too as we are regularly adding more useful links. As always, thank you for your continued support.

*Kathryn McCarthy*

Assistant Headteacher (Primary)

The glorious weather helped me to enjoy half term despite not being able to go very far. I hope you're getting out for exercise every day. I'm looking forward to seeing more wonderful art, textiles and science challenges on our social media platforms. Thank you to the staff, students and parents who are working so well in this new way. Let's hope we get to work together at school before too long.

*Teressa Willis*

Acting Assistant Headteacher (Secondary)

