



Headteacher: Michelle Bahn
Brewery Road, Islington, London N7 9QJ Tel: 020 7607 4115 Fax: 020 7607 5395
Email: admin@robertblair.islington.sch.uk
www.robertblairschool.com

23 September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

The children have now been back at school for two weeks and are settling well into the daily routines and expectations. I have been very proud of the way they have adjusted to the changes, shared their thoughts and ideas and responded to the headteachers' challenge. I have included some of their ideas at the end of this letter for you to see. I am looking forward to seeing them produced as posters and stickers to display around the school. Thank you to all those parents and carers who encouraged and supported the children with the challenge.

We are now reviewing our risk assessment to ensure we are able to respond to the latest changes in government advice and guidance. I have very much appreciated all the positive feedback and support, both to myself and the staff, as we work to settle the children and bring routines and structures back to as normal as we are able. We have made some changes to the start and end of the day based on your feedback

You said...	We did...
<ul style="list-style-type: none">You would like to see a shorter time span in the mornings and afternoons, especially since the children are now managing to organise themselves so much better. <i>(Please see the table later letter)</i>The Friday early finish has been well supported by parents. I appreciate your views, given the pending winter months, the current situation and concerns around the pandemic. We will review this further and discuss with the school governors.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">We have adjusted the morning start time to reflect the shorter time frame needed.We will continue with the early finish on Fridays until at least the half term. I will keep you updated.

We have also made an adjustment to the Friday collection time in order to ensure the children have the opportunity to eat lunch. The school fully supports Islington council's policy to provide a free lunch for every child.

There have been a number of absences due to COVID related symptoms, which we fully understand as we all learn to navigate the constantly changing landscape. It is essential your child attends school when they are able to. If your child has been off school for any reason please bring them through the school office on their first day back. They will want to speak with you directly to ensure we have all the information we need.



Artsmark
Gold Award
Awarded by Arts
Council England



Islington
Inspiring young
people through
culture



Islington
Inspiring young people
World of Work

Revised start and finish times from Monday 28th September.

	Gate	Start time	End of Day	Friday End of Day
Nursery	Foundation Stage Gate Blundell Street	9.00am	3.20pm	12.20p (FT & am Pupils)
Reception	Foundation Stage Gate Blundell Street	8.45am	3.30pm	12.30pm
Year 1	Blundell Street Gate	8.50am	3.30pm	12.30pm
Year 2	Blundell Street Gate	8.45am	3.25pm	12.35pm
Year 3	Blundell Street Gate	8.40am	3.20pm	12.40pm
Year 4	Brewery Road Gate	8.50am	3.30pm	12.30pm
Year 5	Brewery Road Gate	8.45am	3.25pm	12.35pm
Year 6	Brewery Road Gate	8.40am	3.20pm	12.40pm

Thank you to all those parents who have been supporting their children to manage their footwear independently. It has been lovely to see so many of our youngest children managing this so quickly after such a short time, including the tying of shoe laces! It helps us to ensure classrooms are clean and safe for the children. Children are now changing footwear inside. Your child is required to wear trainers, sneakers or plimsols during the school day when on site. Please ensure your child has a change of shoes in a bag at school each day.

We are having regular activity and PE sessions daily as part of our wellbeing programme. We remind you that children must bring their PE kit on a Monday for the week and take it home on a Friday. It is important that they are changing and wearing the correct clothing for all physical activity.

This week the children have been making nominations for the school council from years 4, 5 and 6. All those children who have been nominated will be presenting (digitally) to classes next week, before voting takes place next Thursday. The school council were very active, in the early part last year and our new signs are one of the outcomes of their work.

This year we had a bumper harvest for our gardens. The children have delighted in reaping the rewards of their spring planting over the last two weeks, and enjoying the wide variety of produce. I'm told the beans, sweetcorn, tomatoes, apples and carrots were particularly delicious. I really enjoyed the raspberries and rhubarb they shared with me.

Home school learning conversations are taking place next week. More information will be sent to you on Friday.

Once again, I thank you for your support and patience over this time. I do hope that if I have not already had the chance to speak with you that I get the opportunity over the coming weeks.

Best Wishes



Michelle Bahn
Headteacher

