

Birchwood continues to be closed next week apart from providing child care service for vulnerable children and children of key workers

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday

The Bugle is only available online at the moment due to school closure.

**REMINDER : School will continue to be open for key worker's children during May half term.**

## Possible return to school

Hello, I hope you have all enjoyed the lovely weather this week and that this newsletter finds you all safe and well.

With the government announcement for a possible return to school for children in our Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 classes, school has been very busy putting plans and risk assessments together to enable this to happen in the safest way possible.

A separate letter will be sent out today detailing further actions we are taking to ensure Birchwood is as safe as possible and the measures we are putting in place to maximise the opportunity to socially distance.

This week we have made contact with all our families who have children in these year groups and next week we will be emailing out comprehensive individual details, informing parents of new arrangements for their children, should school reopen. We will also include a child friendly guide to explain the new arrangements for your child.

We appreciate the difficulties and sensitivities around this situation. At the heart of the decisions being made are the children, staff and community we serve. I would advise you to read all information sent out from school to enable you to make informed decisions based on your own circumstances. I cannot issue blanket advice as I am unaware of all family situations and how they may be affected by the current pandemic.

Thank you once again for your continued support and for all the kind words that have been shared with us.

Mr Coleman—Headteacher



## A-Z Half term challenges

**Our spotlight this week is:**

**A-Z choice activities to complete over half term**

As next week is half term there will be no home learning activities set by class teachers. Instead we are giving all children a 'menu' of alphabet challenges to choose from as an optional half term challenge. You could make an A-Z of activities you have done in lockdown, use everyday objects to create a photo alphabet, or create an alphabet of goals and targets for the next year, the possibilities are endless.

A list of some suggestions will be on the website but you are welcome to be creative and come up with your own alphabet. We can't wait to see your half term A-Zs! Have fun. Mrs Day—Associate Headteacher



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