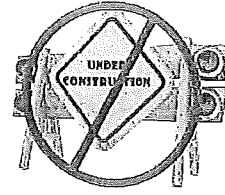




BLOSSOMFIELD  
— Infant School —



Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Dear Parents,

We are pleased to say that Blossomfield's building project is complete. Reception and Nursery classes have moved to the new building and staff are now preparing the childcare rooms in the new wing for occupation. We are anticipating that Treehouse Kid's Club will move at half-term.

**Our front entrance, which will be electronically operated, is almost complete.**

The main gates to the car park will be kept closed and access will be granted by the office staff, on request, via the integrated intercom system.

We now have two pedestrian gates for access. When approaching the school entrance, the left hand gate is for entry to the school site. The pedestrian gate to the right can be used to exit the school premises through the staff car park at busy times of day. We hope that this will alleviate the bottle neck that has historically occurred as people attempted to enter and leave site through one gate. During the day the pedestrian gate to the left will be used for access to school via the intercom system and the other pedestrian gate will be padlocked for security.

If you have a child that is in Reception or Nursery you can use the new pathway that goes around the back of the pirate ship. This pathway is accessed by turning left just inside the main entrance gate.

Nursery parents who are collecting children at the end of their morning session or dropping off to afternoon Nursery must use this new pathway. Please do not enter the main school playground without permission from a member of staff.

You may have noticed new class name signs going up outside each classroom. These mosaic signs were designed and made by the children last year. We would like to thank Adele Deane, who is a super artist and friend to Blossomfield for supporting the children to complete this project. These signs help to identify the classroom that your child is in and the door that they will enter and exit the building through at the beginning and end of the school day.

The main front door, by the office, is no longer used by the children. Parents who need to go to the school office will need to push the buzzer on the front entrance door. Office staff will then permit access. Please be patient if staff cannot let you in immediately as occasionally they are on the telephone or otherwise engaged. A member of the office team will attend to you as soon as they possibly can.

Children who are late to school for any reason will need to continue to report to the school office.

Unfortunately, the climbing equipment, which was in place before the building project, was condemned in June 2017 and therefore has not been relocated. We are planning to install an activity playground that includes a 'trim trail', next to the bike/scooter storage, in the area that is currently fenced off. We are now working with Solihull Council to procure suitable pieces of equipment for installation.

We are also planning to have the playground markings repainted, as soon as possible, so that the children can use them in their play and learning. We intend to have a zebra crossing painted across the staff car park from the playground gate to our new exit gate as a safety measure. If you are authorised to use the staff car park please be aware of pedestrian traffic particularly at the start and end of the school day.

Our new school kitchen has been completed and normal lunchtime service has been resumed. Our cook Rachel Holmes is delighted with her new professional kitchen and we are looking forward to more of her delicious Blossomfield hot cooked meals! Please let a member of staff know if you would like your child to have a free school meal each day.

Yours Sincerely



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