



Brindishe
Federation

Brindishe Federation Newsletter

Friday 22nd September 2023

**National
Attendance
Expectation
96%**

Punctuality Matters

Thank you to parents/carers (and children) who have adjusted so well to our new start times across the federation. It is so important that children make a prompt and effective start to the day. We fully understand that a late arrival does sometimes happen due to unavoidable circumstances. Whenever possible, it is always better to inform the school by telephone when a child will be late.

Where a child has a pattern of late arrival, we will investigate causes and seek an improvement. A pattern of late arrivals after the registers have closed may lead to the school referring the family to the LA's Attendance and Welfare Officer for investigation.

**Good punctuality means
being in school on time every day**

Lost minutes = lost learning



Rights Respecting Article Of The Week

Article 38 (war and armed conflicts)

Governments must not allow children under the age of 15 to take part in war or join the armed forces. Governments must do everything they can to protect and care for children affected by war and armed conflict.

Article 39 (recovery from trauma and reintegration)

Children who have experienced neglect, abuse, exploitation, torture or who are victims of war must receive special support to help them recover their health, dignity, self-respect and social life.

The International Day of Peace ("Peace Day") is observed around the world each year on 21st September. Peace Day provides a globally shared date for all humanity to commit to peace above all differences and to contribute to building a culture of peace.

What does **peace** mean to you?

At Brindishe Schools, we discuss with our children in a sensitive way, how it might feel to living through conflict and war. We discuss peace and conflict around the world and how we might be good 'Peacemakers' in our own lives.



Online Safety Bulletin

Back to school photos - Are you a 'sharent'?

With the excitement of a new school year and your child reaching a new milestone, many of us share photos of our child online without thinking about the associated risks. If you post online, then try following these basic rules:

- Don't post any photos of your child that show their school logo/name or recognisable places by where they live that can make it easy for people to find out their location.
- Never include your child's full name.
- Are there any other children in the pictures you share online? If yes, do you have permission from their parent/carer to upload it?
- Would your child be happy for your comment/photo about them to be online – remember what might be 'cute' now may be embarrassing to them in the future.
- Make sure appropriate privacy settings are on.

Alternatively, you could just share photos with those who you really want to share the photo with (grandparents etc.) via WhatsApp or iMessage rather than via social media.

CEOP have published this article which includes advice on sharing photos of your child online: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/Sharing-pictures-of-your-children/>



Sharing pictures of your children online

Reception Open Days

Please see below our open days for parents/carers applying for Reception places for September 2024. For further information on open days and how to book a place on the tour, please contact individual schools.

Brindishe Green	Brindishe Manor	Brindishe Lee
Thursday 28th September - 10am and 4.30pm	Tuesday 26th September - 9.30am and 4.30pm	Thursday 21st September - 9:30am and 4:30pm
Tuesday 17th October - 10am and 4.30pm	Thursday 12th October - 9.30am and 4.30pm	Monday 16th October - 9:30am and 4:30pm
Tuesday 14th November - 10am and 4.30pm	Monday 13th November - 9:30am and 4:30pm	Wednesday 15th November - 9:30am and 4:30pm

Secondary Schools Transfer 2024

If your child is in Year 6 and due to start secondary school in September 2024, then now is the time to start filling in your online application and visiting Lewisham secondary school 'Open Days'. The Lewisham website has all the information you need to know about secondary admissions.

[Lewisham Council - Applying to start secondary school in September 2024](#)

Closing date for applications: Tuesday 31 October 2023)

Key Federation Dates

- Secondary schools open for visits throughout September & October. Please check on school websites for open day/evening information or go to <https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/education/schools/school-admission/applying-to-start-secondary-school>
- Closing date for secondary applications – **Tuesday 31st October 2023** (we recommend that applications are submitted by Tuesday 24th October 2023)
- October Half Term – **Monday 23rd October 2023 - Friday 27th October 2023**
- Brindishe Schools INSET Day - Friday 24th November. Schools closed to all children.

Governing Body

If you would like to attend a Brindishe Federation Governing Body meeting, please email our Chair of Governors, Liz Murphy - lmurphy@brindisheschools.org. Our first meeting is on **Thursday 12th October 6pm at Brindishe Green School**.