



# BANWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents & Carers,

## UPDATES

Your children continue to amaze us in school during these challenging times! They have completely adjusted to the new systems and ways of working and are rising to the challenges that they are being set with their learning. They are enjoying being back in school!

I would also like to thank you as parents & carers for the ongoing support you are giving us. As always, your kind words of encouragement are appreciated.

**Please can I remind parents that we are asking that all adults wear a face covering at drop off and pick up.** Thank you to everyone supporting this request. We have had no positive cases of COVID in this school community yet and want to work together to do our best that it stays that way. By wearing a face covering each adult is protecting those people around them.

Whilst the arrangements in school are working very well and in line with the guidance we must adhere to I have been made aware of an issue in the village that we would like your support with. As parents are now parking in the village hall car park to alleviate congestion in the car park opposite school it has increased the footfall on a narrow pathway in the village. I have been reliably informed that this is known locally as "The Snickets!" The issue is around children and parents having to pass each other on this narrow pathway. Having had some proactive conversations with parents who have come to us with this concern we would like to share the following improvements we have put in place:

- Staff have now been asked to park in Littlefields Avenue in order to free up spaces in the car park opposite school.
- Conversations are in place between North Somerset, the parish council and the school about the possibility of once again having a school crossing patrol person (lollipop man / lady). Whilst this won't alleviate the issue that has been brought to our attention it will help with the children crossing the road.
- We would like to propose a one way system for part of the route to and from the village hall car park so that pedestrians are only walking one way along the narrowest part of the road. We would ask that if walking from the village hall car park to school you follow the road as normal. If you are walking to the village hall car park from school, that you use the usual pavement but then take the pathway that goes up the hill to Littlefields Road (just opposite the zebra crossing) and then turns right to join Littlefields Crescent. This will bring you down the hill to the Village Hall car park. We are in conversation with North Somerset and the parish council to see if this can be made a designated one way route between 8.30 - 9.30am and 2.30-3.30pm. We will let you know if this is confirmed. Please could we ask that parents follow this system from Monday. A map of the route is also attached to this message.

We hope that these adjustments will improve the situation for everyone.

Best wishes,  
Claire Pocock  
Headteacher

