



BANWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and carers,

Happy new year to everyone! I hope that all families have managed to have some quality time together and some time to rest and relax.

As we start 2022 COVID continues to dominate the news. I am sure you will be aware of the staffing shortages that many workforces are facing as there has been lots about it in the news. Staff absence is likely to continue to be a challenge for schools to manage during this time. If teachers are absent we always strive to cover the class with adults familiar to the children. We understand that it is unsettling for children when their teacher isn't in school. We are very lucky at Banwell that all staff are committed to being flexible with their role / working additional hours to keep things as normal as possible for the children. I am hoping that we will be able to continue using Banwell staff to cover absence rather than use unfamiliar agency staff. Please be assured that we have enhanced health and safety measures in place at school designed to keep everyone as safe and well as possible. Thank you for your continued understanding during these challenging times.

Please can I take this opportunity to remind parents and carers about our uniform expectations. I would like to highlight the following specifically:

- PE kit should only be worn on PE days. Please see the timetable in this email for your child's class PE days. PE kit should be in line with our uniform policy which can be found on the website.
- Children must not have dyed or extreme hairstyles including Mohican styles or excessive use of hair products such as gel, hairspray etc.
- Children should not wear make-up, decorated nails (including acrylic nails), or wear jewellery with the exception of a watch or a single small stud earring in each ear.

Remember to check your phones today in case your child gets a Friday Phone Call! Every teacher makes this call on a Friday to the parents / carers of a child who has really shone during the week. I also make a Golden Phone Call to someone I have noticed.

Finally, it has been lovely to welcome Mrs Beresford (Puffin teacher on Thursday and Friday), Mr Nicolaides (Hawk class teacher on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday) and Mrs Wynn (Learning Support Assistant) to the Banwell team this week. Please feel free to say hello to them in the playground in the morning.

Have a lovely weekend!

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Headteacher

