



Brindishe
Federation

Brindishe Federation Newsletter

Friday 21st April 2023

Dear families, governors, staff and friends,

We hope that you all enjoyed a well-deserved Easter break and that you were able to enjoy some of the sunny weather we had. We are excited to see all the children back in school this week for what will be an eventful and busy half term.

On Wednesday, we said goodbye to Ms Sebire with a heartfelt and emotional assembly. The children and staff thanked Ms Sebire for everything she has done for Brindishe Lee over the past 3 and a half years and we wish her the very best for the future. During the summer term, Rachel Waite, our Executive Head, will be supported by Saira Souissi and Verity Ferrant to lead the school. Charlotte Dougan, an assistant head from Brindishe Manor, will also join the team on a Tuesday and Friday and we will all be on the gates at different points during the week to help, support or advise in any way we can. As always, if you would like to speak with either a class teacher or member of SLT, please email info@brindishelee.lewisham.sch.uk

This term, we have a number of special events and trips happening, along with an extra bank holiday for the coronation and SATS assessments in KS1 and KS2. Please keep an eye on the upcoming newsletters and Weduc notices for further information.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend, and Eid Mubarak to all of our families celebrating this weekend.

Kind regards,

The Brindishe Lee team

Brindishe Lee Key Dates

- **Thursday 27th April** – Teachers' strike day
- **Monday 1st May** – BANK HOLIDAY – School closed
- **Tuesday 2nd May** – Teachers' strike day
- **Thursday 4th May** – Coronation celebration – parents invited to attend in the afternoon (more details to follow)
- **Monday 8th May** – Coronation BANK HOLIDAY – School Closed
- **KS2 SATS week** – Tuesday 9th May to Friday 12th May

Please Note: The NEU have announced further strike days after rejecting the government's pay offer.

Thursday 27th April 2023

Tuesday 2nd May 2023

Please look at each Brindishe Schools individual newsletters and Weduc communication for which classes will be open to children and which will be closed on these days.



Rights Respecting at Brindishe Schools – Article of the week

Article 5 (parental guidance and a child's evolving capacities):

Governments must respect the rights and responsibilities of parents and carers to provide guidance and direction to their child as they grow up, so that they fully enjoy their rights. This must be done in a way that recognises the child's increasing capacity to make their own choices.

Article 18 (parental responsibilities and state assistance):

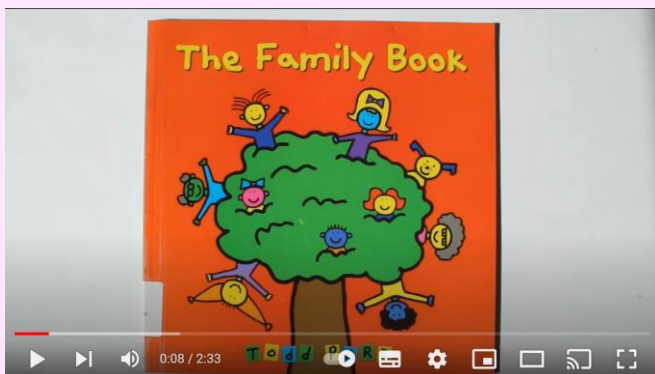
Both parents (or legal guardians) share responsibility for bringing up their child and parents and carers should always consider what is best for the child. Governments must support parents and legal carers by creating support services for children and giving parents the help they need to raise their children.

Articles 5 and 18 are all about the job of parents and carers in the upbringing of children and young people.

What are some of the important things that you do as parents and carers for your children?

- Provide a home.
- Care for your children and show your love.
- Provide food and clothes.
- Set you a good example.
- Help your children to become independent.
- Give emotional support.
- Support learning and going to school.
- Make sure your children have opportunities to be fit and healthy.
- Prepare your children for adult life.
- Share your culture and identity and beliefs and values.
- Allow your child to be themselves.
- Help your children to enjoy all of their rights!

At Brindishe Schools we help children to understand that families come in all shapes and sizes and that not every family is the same. Watch [this video](#) of 'The Family Book' and use this as a starter for a conversation about the role of parents and carers in family life with your child at home.





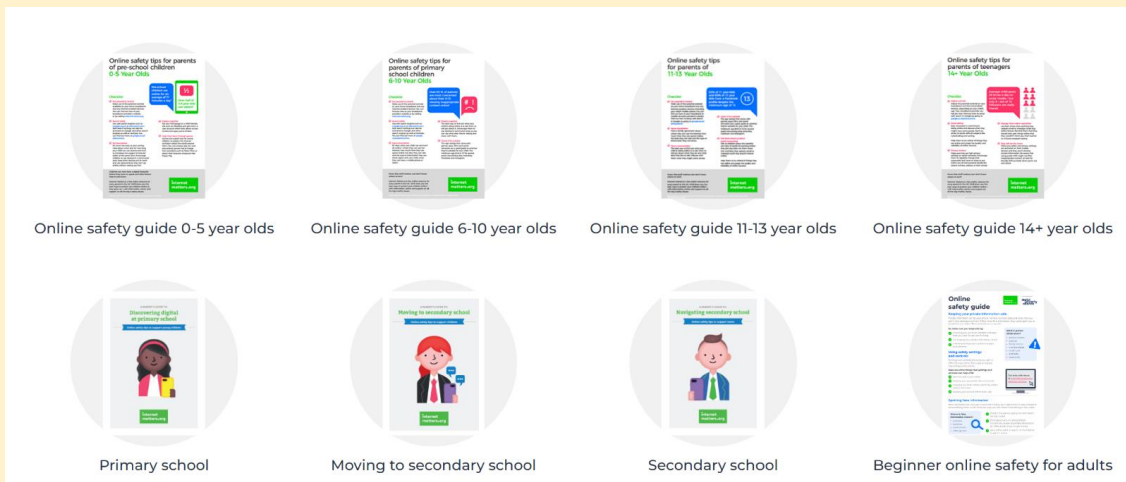
Brindishe Weekly Online Safety Bulletin

Age Guidance

Did you know that internetmatters.org has free printable e-safety leaflets and resources to download, print and share with your children, other parents/carers or colleagues to help keep children safe online?

Age guide leaflets

Children use the internet in different ways depending on their age. As such, internetmatters.org have developed checklists for parents that include top tips on how to help them stay safe.





Notification of further NEU Teachers' Strike Dates

Since January, we have been in constant communication with you all regarding the strikes that were arranged by the National Education Union, in protest of teachers' pay and conditions, and school funding. The NEU (National Education Union) held a ballot on a recent Government pay offer that saw 98% of those teacher members who took part in England, reject the deal, as it was not fully funded, meaning that further planned strike action will now go ahead in late April and early May.

The further strike dates that have been announced are Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May.

The vast majority of the teachers at Brindishe Schools are members of the NEU, and therefore, **the majority of classes will be closed.** Some teachers are part of other unions that, at this time, are not striking.

As always, each individual Brindishe School will be in contact with you nearer the time to let you know which classes will be closed and which will be open to children. It is expected that if your child's class is open on a planned strike day, that they are in school as usual to avoid an unauthorised absence.

Further information regarding the next planned strike on Thursday 27th April will be sent in due course.

Governing Body Dates

If you would like to attend a Brindishe Federation Governing Body meeting as an observer, please email our Chair, Liz Murphy - lizcmurphy@gmail.com

Summer 1
Summer 2

Brindishe Lee
Brindishe Manor

Tuesday 23rd May 2023, 6pm
Thursday 13th July 2023, 6pm

Brindishe Term Dates 2023/2024

We have now published our 2023/2024 school term dates, please visit our website. You will find dates in the 'Virtual Office' Section of each school website.

[Brindishe Federation - Home \(brindisheschools.org\)](https://www.brindisheschools.org)

Governor Vacancies

Do you know someone who would be interested in a becoming a Governor? A friend, a colleague, a relative?

We currently have a number of vacancies on the Brindishe Federation Governing Body, particularly for people who would widen the diversity of our current members and/or be able to offer key skills we require including knowledge around finance, education, recruitment. We have recently recruited for our Parent Governor vacancies, so anyone interested could not be a parent/carer of a pupil within the Federation.

If you know someone who would be interested, please ask them to get in touch with either Rachel Waite, Executive Head rwaite@brindisheschools.org or Liz Murphy, Chair of Governors lmurphy@brindisheschools.org

For more information about becoming a Governor, please click on the link below:
<https://www.nga.org.uk/Governance-Recruitment/Be-a-school-governor-or-trustee.aspx>