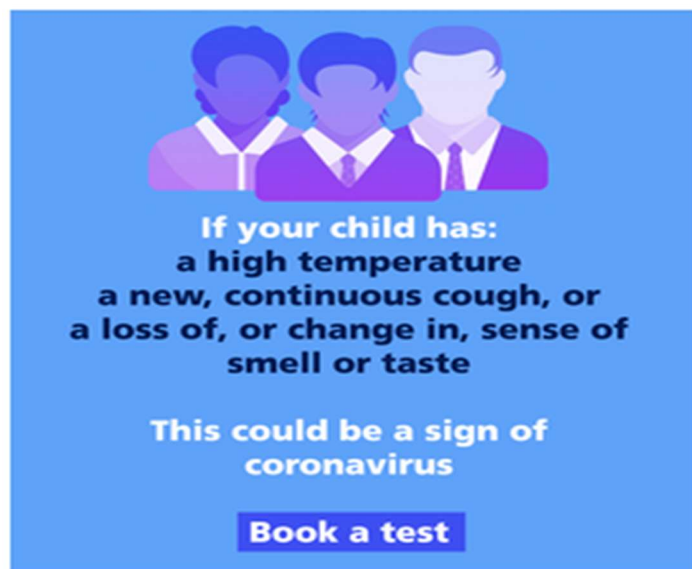




Some parents/carers have asked whether we will be insisting that all parents/carers wear masks whilst on the school site. As current government guidance does not advise the wearing of masks outside, this is not something we are putting in place. However, if you wish to wear a mask, you are of course very welcome to do so. We will continue to monitor this situation carefully and we will update our stance should government guidance be updated.

Yesterday, we shared an important letter with you from Public Health England, which aimed to support parents/carers in making decisions on whether to have your child tested or not. Below are some simple diagrams that support the message of this letter:



We encourage all our parents/carers to download the NHS Covid App. We have uploaded a factsheet about this app on our website. Please follow this link to access it:  
<https://www.stfrancis.bradford.sch.uk/home/covid-19>

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EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS:




Our Attendance Target for this year is 97%



Well done to Year 1 who are our attendance champions.

If you are self isolating your absence is not recorded as an absence from school and will not go against your attendance record.

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE w/b: 21.09.20.	%ATTENDANCE this year to date
FS2	96.60	96.86
Year 1	99.65	96.84
Year 2	95.09	96.52
Year 3	96.67	97.79
Year 4	98.04	98.28
Year 5	93.15	96.86
Year 6	97.30	96.56
<b>Average</b>	<b>96.64%</b>	<b>97.10%</b>
<b>TARGET</b>	<b>97.00%</b>	<b>97.00%</b>

1.		Gracie-Mae Barron	Year 6 2020-21
2.		Phoebe Clapham	Year 6 2020-21
3.		Finley Carroll	Year 6 2020-21



1.	Year 6 2020-21	203,140,520
2.	Year 4 2020-21	61,586,372
3.	Year 1 2020-21	41,522,380
4.	Year 5 2020-21	28,347,730
5.	Year 3 2020-21	19,949,513
6.	Year 2 2020-21	17,681,366
7.	ES2 2020-21	73,188

## A photograph showing two children from behind, sitting at a table and playing a card game. The child on the left is wearing glasses and a dark sweater, while the child on the right is wearing a white shirt. They are both focused on the cards spread out on the table, which feature various cartoon animal illustrations.

Last week Year 2 received delivery of a mysterious wooden box. Upon further investigation they discovered it was full of old toys. Some were even replicas of toys from the Victorian era. We are going to be using them in our Topic lessons but we thought it would be rude not to try them all out first!



Today at lunchtime, a young teenage boy climbed over our back wall and came over the back field. Due to the quick response of our lunchtime supervisors, the boy did not get any further and very quickly ran away and left the school grounds by climbing back over the wall. Senior Leaders immediately informed the police. We are alerting you to this incident in order to allay any fears that parents/carers may have, should your child come home and tell you about this incident. Please be assured that all of our safeguarding procedures are robust and this was evident today in the speedy and vigilant response of our staff.

Bradford  
North  
**foodbank**

Tomorrow, Miss Dearden will be leading the school 'virtually' in our Harvest Festival. Once again this year, we are supporting Bradford North Food Bank, which is an extremely worthy charity and helps to support many people in our local community. The charity was initially set up by volunteers from St Luke's Eccleshill, St Cuthbert's Wrose, Bolton St James, St Andrew's Methodist Church Undercliffe, Bolton

Methodist Church, Calverley Methodist Church, St Francis RC Church Eccleshill, Church on the Way and The Shipley Food Project. The project has strengthened bonds between different churches and enables us all to live out Jesus' teaching to help those in need. We are asking families to bring in tinned and dried foods tomorrow morning to support this appeal. For more information about Bradford North Foodbank, please visit their website: <https://bradfordnorth.foodbank.org.uk/>

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Breakfast Club Update

As set out in last week's Tuesday News. This week we are implementing our slightly amended approach to charging for Breakfast CClub. From Monday 28th September, if your child has been booked onto Breakfast Club for the following week, parents/carers will be charged regardless of whether the child/ren attend or not. Places are very much sought after and due to only being able to admit 15 children per bubble, the places are very limited. If your child does not attend due to illness or having to isolate unexpectedly, charges will not be put in place.

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Parent Technology Survey

Last week, we sent out a short survey to our KS2 families to ascertain what kind of technology and wifi our families have at home. Many thanks for all your responses to this. In the event that a child has to isolate or a whole bubble is required to isolate, as per our home learning policy (shared with you last week) your child will be required to carry out their learning at home. Of course, this naturally relies upon technology at home. Fortunately, we now have access to some devices from the government for families who are disadvantaged and are otherwise unable to access remote education from home. Examples of this include disadvantaged children:



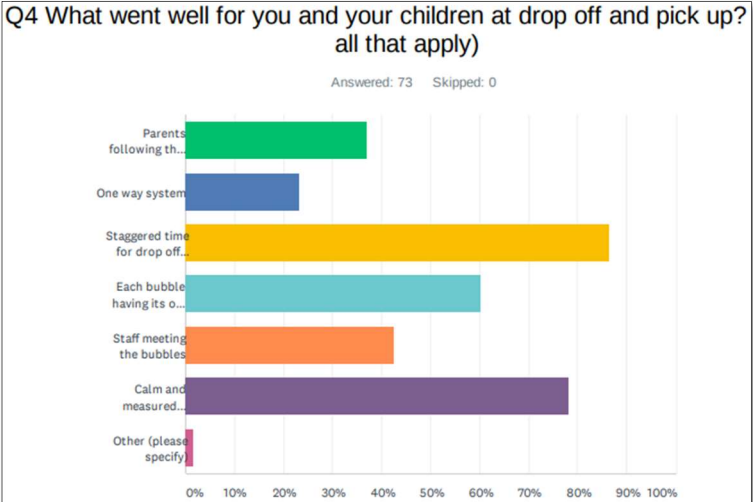
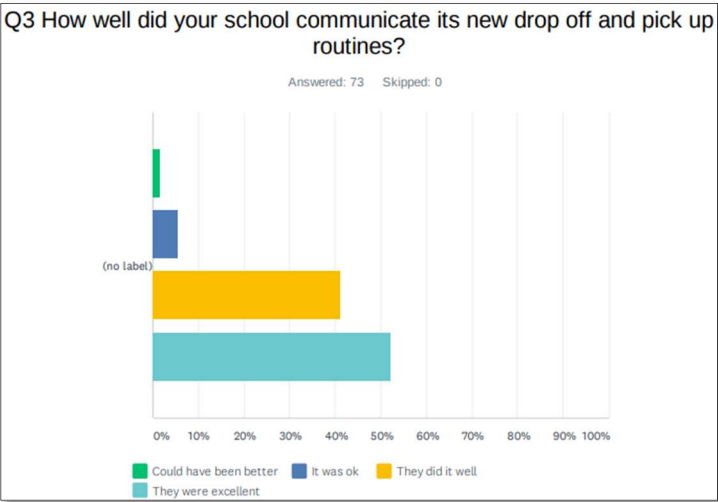
- with no digital devices in their household
- whose only available device is a smartphone
- with a single device in their household that's being shared with more than one other family member
- who do not have a fixed broadband connection at home

For parents who responded to our survey, we have now identified the families who are eligible for these devices, so if the children of these families need to isolate, we can go ahead and order the devices for these families to loan. Please allow at least 2 days for the devices to be available.

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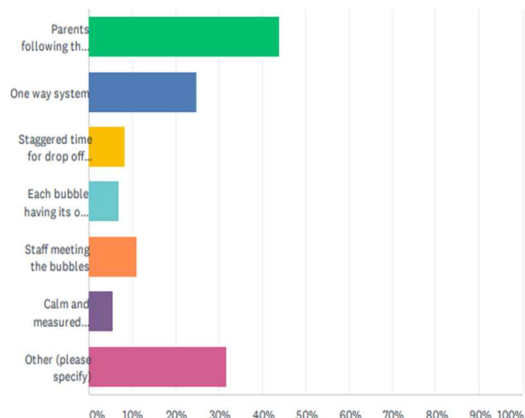
Re-opening survey

Last week, The BCWCAT Trust sent out a parent survey to gather feedback on how well our Trust schools had reopened fully to all year groups. We have had the collated feedback sent back to us and we are thrilled with the results. Thank you very much for your positive feedback. Reopening school fully took a lot of planning, preparation and hard work by every member of staff, so we are delighted that you felt we did it safely. Here is a snapshot of the feedback:



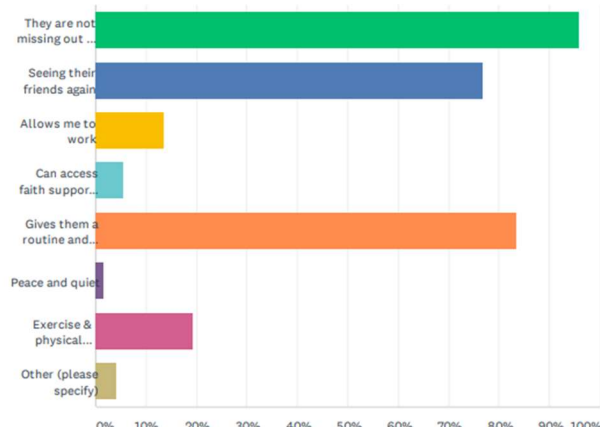
Q5 What could have gone better for you and your children at drop off and pick up? (click all that apply)

Answered: 73 Skipped: 0



Q7 What are the 3 best things about children returning to school? (that apply)

Answered: 73 Skipped: 0



Here is just a flavour of some of the positive feedback we have received. Thank you all so much for your continued support:

I think throughout covid St Francis has been excellent in thinking outside the box to find ways to make it work, and finding solutions to the new normal. The videos to help children feel welcome were an excellent idea, and the staff are a great example to the children by striving to find ways to succeed rather than just sitting back and saying we can't do this we can't do that because of covid. They say we'll find a way to do it covid safe

Thank you for all the hard work and preparation, on getting our children back into school safely. Can really feel a sense of all the St Francis community working together.

Happy with the procedures. My children are happy to be back. I was wary but I'm reassured by the school. No issues. Thank you all staff.

Thank you also for some suggestions that were made of how we could make our reopening plans and systems even more effective:

You said....	How we are responding...
Parents are not following social distancing guidelines	We have put up signs all around school to promote the importance of social distancing and we have spoken to some individuals when necessary. We will continue to remind adults on site for the need to remain at least 2m apart.
Parking is still difficult at pick up time as parents are waiting in their car until their allotted time.	We frequently remind parents to park safely and to not arrive at school too early. We will continue to give these reminders.
Children in FS could leave school via the other side gate so that the area near Y1 and Y2 does not get congested.	This is a great suggestion and we will make plans to implement this.
There is a discrepancy between the 10 days isolation required for children, and the 14 days required for the remainder of the household in the event of a positive coronavirus test results. The isolation periods should be identical to avoid logistics issues.	We completely understand the issue with the isolation periods, however, this is the government guidelines which we have to follow, so this is out of our control.
Given the possibility of a second wave, if the school implemented the Friday half day for deep cleaning this may allay parental fears	We did consider continuing the half days on Fridays but we concluded that this could cause a lot of childcare issues for parents/carers. We have risk assessed carefully to ensure that the school is cleaned regularly and thoroughly throughout the school day. Our risk assessment can be found on our website here: <a href="https://www.stfrancis.bradford.sch.uk/home/covid-19">https://www.stfrancis.bradford.sch.uk/home/covid-19</a>
Maybe ask parents to wear a mask to drop off if they can with the rates going up.	As current government guidance does not advise the wearing of masks outside, this is not something we are putting in place. However, if you wish to wear a mask, you are of course very welcome to do so. We will continue to monitor this situation carefully and we will update our stance should government guidance be updated.

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## School Jotter App

A reminder, if you haven't yet downloaded the app, please do so. You will receive the newsletter hot off the press and also further information will be coming home to you via the app.

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**If you are worried or concerned about the wellbeing of any of our pupils, please ask to speak to Mrs Haines, Miss Burgess, Miss Martin or Mrs Laptew**