



Bicton C of E Primary School and Nursery

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Dear parents and guardians,

Thank you for confirming whether or not your child will be returning to school or nursery, as part of our phased re-opening. We have now planned out our bubbles (groups), based on these numbers of children, and you will have been notified before your child returns which bubble they are in so you can talk it through with them. Please note that any children returning to school at a later date, different to the start dates shown over the page, will be joining an existing bubble. There is no guarantee that there will be further places available once our bubbles have reached their capacity; the maximum number for each bubble is set out in our risk assessment which was approved by the Local Authority this week.

In addition to the information provided below, please refer to the letter dated 22.05.20 as it also contains a lot of important detail.

Cross contamination

We are going to be very strict about keeping to our bubbles. Teachers and children will not be permitted to visit each other's bubbles. Please could we ask that you strictly adhere to the 2m distancing rules at home, especially as the rules for meeting people from outside your home have been slightly relaxed. Please also follow the government advice on track, trace and isolate if anyone in your household develops symptoms.

Sickness

We know that children and staff may still get poorly with something other than coronavirus. The advice from the Local Authority is that you should keep your child at home if they feel unwell in any way. **Usually you might give your child some Calpol and see how they feel, but it is not appropriate to do this now.** We will not be taking children's temperatures in school, but you are advised to do so at home before bringing them in. If a child becomes unwell when they are in school, they will be moved to the front entrance where there is plenty of ventilation and where it is easy for you to collect them from.

Behaviour

The Local Authority have produced an addendum for all schools to implement alongside their Behaviour Policy. This will be uploaded to our school website over the weekend. This is because there are now new rules in place in school which the children will have to follow. We do not imagine that any of our children would set out to break these rules and there will be lots of PHSE and well-being sessions during their first few days in school to help them understand the new routines and what we all need to do to keep everyone safe. However, if your child is not able to adhere to the 2m rule, and teachers feel that it is putting staff and other children in a vulnerable position, then we may have to ask you to educate them at home again. Thank you for your understanding with this.

Dress code

Children do not need to wear uniform but they must be **sensibly dressed**. We will be outside as much as possible, including in the forest school area, so children need to bring a long sleeved t-shirt, cardigan or jumper that they can put on. They need sensible footwear, such as **socks and trainers**.



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Please **tie long hair back** to reduce the amount of times children touch their face.

Please apply **sunscreen** and / or insect repellent at home and do not send this in with your child. Children would also benefit from keeping a **hat** in school if possible.

Health and safety

We are hoping we can reduce the spread of the virus by implementing these plans but, as we have said before, we cannot guarantee anyone's safety and we cannot guarantee that children will remain 2m apart from each other or staff. Staff will wear gloves and aprons when administering first aid or intimate care (nursery) and may wear face masks where necessary. Many children want to give and receive hugs if they have fallen, feel unwell or unhappy so we are going to try and think of innovative ways to do these things, while maintaining a distance.

If you choose to send your child back to school, you are agreeing that you understand and agree with the measures we are taking, and that this is not a guarantee that your children will not contract Coronavirus.

The Local Authority have said that it is not necessary to collect in a home-school agreement and that providing you with this information is sufficient. The expectations outlined above and in the previous letters are **non-negotiable** and we cannot change these for any individual cases.

Below are the important details about drop off and collection times and places. Please **DO NOT arrive before your time slot**, as we want to minimise the amount of queuing and waiting and **please collect your child promptly** at the times shown below.

Bubble	Drop off time	Collection time	Location	Important information	Date applicable from
Key workers	8:00 – 8:45	3:30 - 4:30	Hall door	One way system in operation. Please queue on the yellow circles and follow the arrows to exit.	Ongoing
Reception	9:00 – 9:10	3:00	Nursery Gate		Monday 8 th June
Year 1	9:00 – 9:10	3:10	Blue wooden gate		“ “ “
Year 6	9:15 – 9:25	3:20	Hall door		Monday 15 th June
Nursery	9:15 – 9:25	2:50	Nursery Gate		To be confirmed

The above arrangements will be monitored once all the above year groups are in and may need to change.

Thank you again for all your support and co-operation,

Take care and stay safe

Mrs Natalie Johnson