

Bishop Road Primary School

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Dear Parents / Carers,

Update Letter

Everyone is looking forward to welcoming children back to school and resuming the learning and relationships that we all enjoy so much. On the first days back at school, we will be focusing on providing a welcoming and supportive transition. We anticipate that children will be excited about the return to school and staff will take time to ensure everyone settles back in well.

From Monday, the routines and measures implemented will be largely similar to those introduced in September with a key focus on hand washing, maintaining the separation of class pods and social distancing between all adults.

As in the Autumn Term, we will be running all classes as individual pods to minimise the likelihood of transmission. We would like to draw your attention to the updated government guidance that states that *“pupils, staff and other adults must not come into school if they have one or more Covid 19 symptoms or if a member of their household (including someone in their support bubble or childcare bubble if they have one) has Covid 19 symptoms”*.

We have updated the ‘Return to School’ information for parents and the school risk assessment both of which can be found in the [‘Reopening Information’](#) tab at the foot of the homepage on the school website. The staff team have made a short ‘Welcome Back’ video, which is also available to view from this page. The videos recorded in September for drop off and collection remain on this page and are unchanged.

What is the same?

- All arrangements relating to lunches, play and break times, resources and equipment.
- School uniform expectations.
- PE days (including when to arrive in PE kits for Years R, 1 and 2).
- Drop off and collection arrangements for Years R to 4.

What is different?

- Drop off timings will be staggered differently on **Monday 8th March only** (see below).
- All adults, apart from those exempt, should wear face coverings at all times when moving around the school site (from the point when you enter the gates).
- Year 5 and 6 start and end of the day timings (see below).
- There are now orange line markings throughout all the one-way pathways to support families observing social distancing at drop off and collection times.



On Monday 8th March ONLY

Staggered drop off	Year R, 1, 3 & 5	8.35 – 8.50 am	Collection for all 3.15 pm
	Year 2, 4 & 6	9.15 – 9.30 am	

see below for changes to Year 5 and 6 end of day timings

For Monday 8th ONLY if siblings drop off times differ you will need to make two separate drop offs.
There is no provision to take children in to class or wait on site for Year 2, 4 & 6.

To welcome the children back to school, all class teachers will be in the playground at the doors through which your child usually enters their building. A partial stagger on this first day will allow children to return to school in a calm and supported manner, and will also enable families to begin to re-familiarise themselves with the routines and one-way systems.

From Tuesday 9th March

Drop off	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reception and <u>any siblings</u> Year 1 and <u>any siblings</u> Year 5 & 6 children <u>who walk independently</u> 	Year 2, 3 & 4	Year 5 and 6 who walk with parents/carers
	8.35 – 8.45am	8.45 – 8.55am	8.45 – 8.50 am Be in class for 8.50 am

Gates will open for parents and carers at 3.15pm for collection.

As detailed in the table, children in Year 5 and 6 should now be in class for **8:50am**. This is because children from **Year 5 and 6 who walk home independently will now be released from the school site at 3.10pm**, 5 minutes ahead of those who are being collected. Year 5 and 6 children who are collected will wait in the collection bay until the gates are open to parents at 3.15pm.

Face Coverings

For staff and visitors face coverings should be worn as they move around between classrooms and when on the playgrounds. For **parents and carers, please ensure you are wearing a face covering from the time you enter the school gates to the time you leave the site for drop off and collection each day.**

Classroom Ventilation

The need to ventilate classrooms continues to be a priority to limit transmission. There should always be one window open in classrooms throughout the day and at break and lunchtimes additional windows and doors are opened. Whilst the rooms are heated, in these colder months, it may be beneficial to send your child into school with an additional layer (t-shirt/ vest) beneath their school uniform.



Routines to reduce transmission

On the first day back together with the children, the class teachers will revisit and remind the class about all of the essential routines that help to minimise transmission. We will continue to prioritise these practices to make school as safe as possible.

Lunch patterns

All children will continue on their existing lunch patterns for the remainder of this term. We will write to parents/carers before Easter to provide the opportunity to change lunch patterns should you so wish.

It may take a few days before the school routines feel familiar and drop off/collection times move more smoothly, thank you for your patience and support at this time. We are really pleased to be welcoming everyone back to school.

Yours sincerely,

Joe Emissah
Deputy Head Teacher

