



Wednesday 15th July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

September Full Opening Information

As we come towards the end of term, and indeed, towards the end of a very different year, I wanted to share details about our return to school in September.

We will welcome all children back to school in September. This is absolutely the right thing to do, and we are sure that your children will enjoy being back at school and into a normal routine again. Even though we are all coming back to school, we are aware that the threat of the virus has not gone away completely so we will continue to follow very strict health and safety procedures in order to keep your children and the staff safe and healthy.

The government guidelines remain that children need to stay in 'bubbles'. However, the size of these bubbles has not been specified. As a school, we have decided a safe and manageable way for children to return to school will be within 'phase bubbles'. This means that all children in Year 5 & 6 will form a bubble; all children in Year 3 & 4 will form a bubble; all children in Year 1 & 2 will form a bubble; all children in Reception will form a bubble. Children within each of these bubbles will be able to mix for play time, lunchtime, interventions and other activities during the school day. Safety measures and systems for recording which children have been in contact with each other, for periods of 15 minutes or longer, will be in place to support an accurate track and trace system in the case of a positive test.

This phased return will also support the new system of bringing your children to school. Unfortunately, for the moment, parents will not be allowed into the school.

Drop off and pick up times will be as follows;

Phase	Timings	Location
Year 5 & Year 6	8.40am/3pm	Main gates
Year 3 & Year 4	8.50am/3.10pm	Main gates
Year 1 & Year 2	9am/3.20pm	Main gates
Reception	9am/3.15pm	Reception side gate



Where families have siblings in different classes/phases they can be dropped off and collected with the sibling in the last time slot. School staff will look after your child until that time slot. Please make sure you adhere to the one-way system and move on after dropping off/picking up your children up to prevent congestion at the entrances to the school. Any conversations with teachers need to be via email or telephone for the time being. Please adhere to social distancing at these times.

The school minibus will continue to drop off and pick up but this will now be organised in phases with the older children being on the first run. Children will be expected to hand sanitise before boarding the minibus and it will be cleaned between different groups.

Breakfast Club and After-School Provision

These will recommence Monday 14th September and a separate letter with details of booking and costs will be sent out shortly. Children will be arranged in group bubbles that mirror the phase bubbles at these provisions, with an adult allocated to each group. These groups will remain consistent and a clear track and trace system will be in place.

Lunches

The kitchen will be fully operational from September and hot meals will be provided – children will be able to bring in their own packed lunches and fruit snacks for break. Due to the numbers of children, we will need to get through the canteen maintaining separate bubbles, some may be eating their lunches in class. The organisation around this will come into place in September when we have accurate numbers of those eating school lunches and those bringing a packed lunch. For those children in Years R, 1 & 2, please remember you are entitled to a free school lunch, as part of the Universal Free School Meals offer.

Uniform

Uniform is expected to be worn by all children on their return to school in September. Please follow the link below for full details.

<https://www.bovington-aspirations.org/parents-information/uniform/>

Control Measures

Daytime onsite clearing has been managed by the premises staff since March to constantly clean areas that experience high levels of traffic. This enhanced cleaning will continue in September to ensure our children are kept as safe as possible. All children have access to hand washing facilities and sanitiser remains readily available in all classrooms. Children will continue to be taught the importance of regular and thorough hand washing and will be required to wash/sanitise hands on entry and exit.

Children will have their own resources, including pencils, rulers, glue stick, scissors etc. for use during the school day. Please do not send in equipment from home and school bags are not allowed either. Reading books will not be allowed home initially but Mrs Muraro will provide information on online platforms to



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access reading books. They will be allowed within classes when in school and we will quarantine these books to ensure they remain virus free.

School will keep a detailed log of pupils and staff in each group and any close contact that takes place between children and staff in different groups. Any child or staff member showing symptoms will be isolated and sent home immediately. They will need to be tested and evidence of a negative test needs to be seen by school before they are allowed to return. If a child or adult tests positive for Coronavirus, all those that have been in direct contact will be sent home and asked to self-isolate for 14 days and school will contact Public Health England for advice and instruction.

I hope the measures outlined above will go some way to reassure you that the leadership team of Bovington has carefully considered and risk assessed all eventualities. If the government guidance changes, we will keep parents up-to-date. Systems and risks will be constantly under review and we will update and edit risk assessments as the situation develops.

Do not hesitate to email any questions you may have using the office email address and we will get back to you as soon as possible. In the meantime, have a safe summer and we will see you all back to school in September.

Yours sincerely,

Sara White