



11<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to an unprecedented start to our school year. It has been wonderful to see your children back at school learning, socialising and having fun. They are truly amazing and have shown resilience, positivity and enthusiasm as they come through the gates every single morning.

Hopefully many of you will have seen or spoken to me; I have been on the gates each morning and afternoon and I will attempt to do this as often as possible. I would usually invite everybody into school to meet me officially, but we are unable to do this at the moment due to COVID restrictions. Please come and see me if you have any questions, feedback or just come and say 'hello'. I am really looking forward to being part of the Bovington Team and working with the staff to move the school forward so that all children receive the education they deserve.

#### **Meet the Teacher presentations**

The teachers have been working hard this week putting together some useful information for you and your child/ren. The links to the videos will be sent home today and the unnarrated slide shows can be viewed via our Bovington YouTube account, [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqtIsQhB34zvka3HXCOxw?view\\_as=subscriber](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqtIsQhB34zvka3HXCOxw?view_as=subscriber). Please take a few minutes to watch the videos or read the presentations. Remember if you have any questions you can call the school and leave a message for your child's teacher who will call you back at a convenient time, you can email the year group email addresses or [office@bovington-aspirations.org](mailto:office@bovington-aspirations.org)

#### **Breakfast Club & After School Provision**

A Parent Mail was sent out at the beginning of the week with booking details for our Breakfast Club and After School provision. Unfortunately, due to the strict measures in place outlined in the latest Government guidance, we have needed to limit the numbers of children attending. I know this will be disappointing for some parents, but safety must be the priority in the current climate. We do have a waiting list and we will allocate once spaces become available.

#### **Dismissal at the end of the day, week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

Thank you so much for your patience as we dismiss your children at the end of the day. Unfortunately, we only have one gate to dismiss children in Year 1 to Year 6 through. We know that the current system can be a bit chaotic and stressful for some children and parents. The Leadership Team has been evaluating the current system at the end of every day and although it has become quicker, it is not ideal. We are worried that if it rains then children, parents and staff will get very wet; we are also slightly concerned that parents are congregating together in close contact whilst waiting for siblings. So, as of Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September we are going to make the following changes:

Reception will be dismissed at the **earlier time of 3pm** from the same place. Any siblings or children for after school provision will stay in class.

Year 5 and Year 6 will be dismissed at 3pm in the same way through the main gate with parents queuing along the path and following the one-way system. Our Year 5 & 6 children are coming out of school sensibly and quickly so this system will remain. Any siblings or children for after school provision will stay in class.



Year 3 and Year 4 will be dismissed at 3.10pm in the same way through the main gate with parents queuing along the path and following the one-way system. Any siblings or children for after school provision will stay in Kimmeridge Class.

At 3.20pm, school staff will allow any parents of Year 1 & Year 2 children and siblings into the school grounds to collect their children from their classroom doors. Parents for children in Year 1 and Year 2 will need to wait on the playground beyond the fence and your child will be sent to you.

If you are late collecting, your child will be taken back to their classroom where they will wait for you.

Obviously, there is a greater risk of transmission by doing this so we have had to request the following:

1. We recommend that parents wear face masks on the school grounds
2. Parents MUST not enter the school buildings under any circumstances
3. School equipment and climbing frames cannot be used; we have a strict bubble system in place during school hours and if children are allowed on the equipment then this could lead to cross contamination. School staff will politely ask any children using school equipment not to and we would appreciate your support in this
4. Please, please, please adhere to social distancing on the school playground; any adults stood in direct or proximal contact are at risk of transmission
5. Parents to collect their child/ren and leave the school premises quickly without lingering or chatting to others
6. Teachers will be wearing face shields or masks for their safety and they will not be able to have long conversations with parents. Please contact the office or email if you would like the teacher to contact you
7. In school we are keeping bubbles separate during the day; children from different bubbles do not have contact at all. Please support this by ensuring your child does not mix with children from other bubbles on school grounds or outside.

The morning system will remain with children coming in at staggered times; I hope you agree that this is working effectively and children are arriving in school calm and ready for the day.

As transmission rates rise across the country, gathering in groups of more than six has been banned and a local school has recently closed, I just wanted to assure you that as a school we have been incredibly thorough with our risk assessment and all aspects of the Government guidance has been taken into consideration. The safety of our children, families and staff is paramount and at the centre of all we do. However, these are constantly changing and remaining flexible is the key. Changes can at times be frustrating but the safety of your children will always be at the forefront of any decision.

I look forward to working with the Bovington community, this year and beyond.

Kind regards,

Sara White  
Principal