



Bessemer Primary School

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Dear Parents / Carers,

As we come to the end of what has, without a doubt, been the most unusual and challenging year we have had at Bessemer I would like to thank you all once again for the amazing support we have felt from you during this time. Your appreciation, understanding and flexibility as well as the fantastic fundraising efforts and determination to come together as a community have made us all prouder than ever to be part of Bessemer. Thank you for making this difficult time so much easier for all of us.

As this term comes to an end we are already planning for the next one. Thank you to those of you who have returned musical instruments and reading books already, if you have not done so the collection boxes will be out until lunchtime tomorrow, please try to return any school resources that you have so we can have them ready for use in September.

Working within the guidelines we have been given we have put in place plans for the return to school in September. Of course, it is possible that this guidance will change if there are further developments over the summer. For now though, the plan is that all children will return to school in September to be taught in year group bubbles. This means that we will still be able to operate our four teacher system in the mornings in Key Stage Two, allowing children to be taught in smaller groups for maths and English. It also means that we can continue to stream children for phonics in Early Years and Key Stage One, allowing for more targeted teaching. Year groups will be kept separate from each other, but the classes within each year group will mix together at playtime and lunchtime. We will still have regular handwashing times throughout the day and shared resources will continue to be cleaned regularly. Children will still have individual packs of the most frequently used resources and will sit facing forward in the classroom rather than around tables to limit the spread of infection. An updated risk assessment for September will be added to the website during the summer holiday.

In order to reduce congestion and facilitate social distancing we will continue to stagger drop off and pick up times. Times and locations for drop off and pick up are:

Year Group	Drop off time	Drop off gate	Pick up time	Pick up gate
Little Stars	Any time from 8.00	Blue gate	Any time up to 5.45	Blue gate
Nursery	9am (morning and full time children) 12.45 (afternoon)	Black EYs gate (morning and full time children at 9.00) Green EYs gate	12.00 (morning children) 3.45 (afternoon and full time children)	Green EYs gate (morning children at 12.00) Black EYs gate

	children)	(afternoon children at 12.45)		(afternoon and full time children at 3.45)
Reception	8.45	Black EYs gate	3.15	Black EYs gate
Year 1	9.00	Black KS1 gate	3.30	Red gate
Year 2	8.45	Black KS1 gate	3.15	Red gate
Year 3	9.00	Black 3/4 gate	3.30	Black 3/4 gate
Year 4	8.45	Black 3/4 gate	3.15	Black 3/4 gate
Year 5	9.00	Black 5/6 gate	3.30	Black 5/6 gate
Year 6	8.45	Black 5/6 gate	3.15	Black 5/6 gate

We will be running Breakfast Club and After School Club, but as stated in previous messages we need to keep the numbers low to allow us to keep year groups separate. If you do not have alternative childcare and need to use this provision please email the office if you have not already done so.

As we have not been able to run handover sessions for children to meet their new teachers as we would usually do, teachers have made welcome videos to introduce themselves to their new classes. These videos will be posted on the children's current Google Classroom page.

Summer Club will be running at Bessemer for the first three weeks of the summer holiday. If you have registered for Summer Club you should have received details of pick up and drop off times and guidelines around the items children should bring with them. If you have not received this information please contact the school office as soon as possible. The risk assessment for Summer Club is on the school website.

Sadly, it is time to say goodbye to some much loved members of staff who are moving on from Bessemer, some after a considerable time with us. We are sorry to say goodbye to Angela Uzor, Lizzy Butler, Ella Folkard, Jackie Healey and Gina Evans. We are so grateful for all they have done for Bessemer and wish them all the best for the future.

The Year 6 children had their graduations this morning and while it was sad that we could not invite families to watch, it was lovely to be able to wish them well and say goodbye with the usual presentations of T-shirts, certificates and folders full of memories of Bessemer. Today is the last day of school for Year 6 so we wish them all the very best of luck for secondary school.

The last day of school for all other children is tomorrow, Year 1 and Key Worker groups finish at 1.00, Nursery and Reception at 1.15 and Year 2 at 1.30.

We hope you all have a happy, restful and healthy summer and we look forward to seeing you all in September.

Kind regards,

Elizabeth Whitehead