



## **Bessemer Primary School**

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Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a good summer and are all well rested and ready for the return to school.

The children's first day back is Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September for Years 1-6 and Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September for Nursery and Reception. New starters in Nursery and Reception will have a settling in session on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> or Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> (separate letters have been sent out about this).

In line with the updated government guidance we have reviewed our risk assessment (the updated version can be found on the website) and have made some adjustments to our daily arrangements.

### **Drop Off and Pick Up**

We will be returning to our usual drop off and pick up times of 9am and 3.30pm for all children from Reception to Year 6. Nursery will return to their usual times of 9.00-12.00 and 12.45-3.45.

Parents and Carers of children in Early Years and Key Stage One can return to dropping off and picking up children at their classroom doors via the KS1 gate. Classroom doors will open at 8.50 each morning and children must be in their classroom by 9am. We ask that only one parent or carer per child attends drop off and pick up and that you drop off as quickly as possible to avoid congestion. If you need to speak to your child's teacher please do so at pick up rather than drop off unless the message is very urgent.

Parents of children in KS2 should drop their children off at the gates and should not enter the playgrounds in the morning. The playgrounds will be open and supervised from 8.45 to avoid congestion. Parents of children in Years 3 and 4 can collect their children from the playground at pick up time, providing the opportunity to speak to teachers if needed and avoiding the congestion outside the gates. Parents of children in Years 5 and 6 should pick up from outside the gates as usual.

We request that you continue to wear face coverings at times when social distancing is not possible.

## **Lunches**

For the first two weeks we will continue to alternate between hot and cold lunches as this arrangement was put in place before new guidance was released. After that all children will return to eating hot meals in the hall.

Please remember that children must choose either school dinners or packed lunches for at least a half term at a time, they cannot change from one to the other within a half term.

## **P.E. Kits / Uniform**

We are returning to changing for P.E. lessons so all children from Year 1-6 should have their P.E. kit in school every day. P.E. kit should include plain tracksuit bottoms, leggings or shorts and a plain T-shirt in their house colour if possible. Children also need trainers or plimsolls for P.E.

All children should be wearing their school uniform every day as there is no longer a requirement to wear P'E. kit to school.

## **Bubbles**

We will no longer be operating in bubbles, in line with the new government guidance. However, if we find that we have a number of Covid cases in a class or year group we may reintroduce bubble arrangements to limit transmission.

As children no longer have to isolate if they have been in contact with a positive Covid case, classes and year groups will not close if a child tests positive. It is possible however that closures will happen if there is a very large number of cases.

Schools are no longer responsible for notifying contacts of positive cases, therefore if your child is considered a close contact of someone who has tested positive you will be informed by the NHS.

## **Precautions**

We will continue to ensure that children wash their hands regularly and that frequently touched surfaces are cleaned during the day. Any child with Covid symptoms should not attend school, and any child displaying symptoms in school will be isolated and sent home immediately. Staff will continue to take lateral flow tests twice a week.

While we really hope that we will be able to continue with this move towards normality, we will keep all of our arrangements under review and will return to previous arrangements if we consider it necessary.

We look forward to seeing you all next week.

Kind regards,

Elizabeth