



Bleakhouse Junior School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

In preparation for the Governments' plan for all pupils to return to school in September, please see below information regarding the return of our pupils.

- Children will be in school Monday to Friday.
- Children will stay in their class bubbles and will remain in these groups all day.
- There will be staggered times for dropping off and collecting, this information is detailed below, these need to be adhered to with NO gathering at the school gates.
- Children will be completing the full curriculum including English, Maths, Science and Theme lessons as well as PSHE, transition activities and PE lessons.
- Children will be expected to bring their own packed lunch for the first two weeks in September. If your child is eligible for free school meals, a grab bag lunch can be provided. Please let the school know on 0121 422 2841 if you need a grab bag provided. Please contact the school office before 12pm on each Wednesday so these can be ordered.
- Hand sanitisers have been placed in each classroom and around school.
- We will be ensuring that pupils have comprehensive hand washing and hygiene routines in place throughout the day. Surfaces will be regularly cleaned throughout the school day as well as before and after school.
- A one way system will be in place in to control movement around school.
- We will restrict access to toilets to ensure numbers of children accessing them are safe.
- Children will use the same equipment each day, this will be provided for them. **PLEASE DO NOT BRING YOUR OWN STATIONERY IN.**
- There will be no face-to-face meetings between staff and parents when pupils return to school due to social distancing.
- Parents dropping pupils off and collecting at the end of the day are kindly asked to stand outside the school gates to allow for pupils to remain 1m + apart inside the school gates.



- Public transport should be avoided if possible. Please remember to wear a face mask if you do use public transport and also if you visit a shop on the way.
- Social distancing should be strictly observed by parents and pupils on their journey to and from school each day.
- As things stand, the government have instructed that staff and pupils do not require PPE if social distancing rules can be managed. PPE will be available for staff, if required. If you wish for your child to wear a mask this will be allowed. If your child wears a homemade non-disposable mask to and from school this must be placed in a plastic bag (provided by you) and handed in each day. If you wish your child to wear a mask in school (optional) you will need to provide a disposable mask, this is to stop cross – contamination and is in line with Public Health England Guidance.
- If a child shows symptoms, they will be isolated and you will be phoned to collect them urgently. You will then need to arrange for your child to be tested.
- Full School Uniform must be worn with suitable school shoes (no trainers, heels or boots).
- Children will be told what days they will have PE, can we remind parents that no earrings, watches or jewellery should be worn for these lessons. On these days, pupils will need to come to school in their school PE kit to avoid having to change.
- Breakfast club will be available from 8.00am, the cost is £4 per day, and if you need to book a space for your child please contact the school office.

Starting and finishing times will be as follows and these **MUST** be adhered to –

- 3C 8.40am - 3.10pm** - Enter and leave via second entrance (on the left hand side as you look at the front of school).
- 3M 8.50am - 3.20pm** - Enter and leave via second entrance (on the left hand side as you look at the front of school).
- 4S 8.50am - 3.20pm** - Enter and leave via main entrance
- 4W 8.40am - 3.10pm** - Enter and leave via main entrance
- 5J 9.00am - 3.30pm** - Enter and leave via second entrance (on the left hand side as you look at the front of school).
- 5S 9.00am - 3.30pm** - Enter and leave via main entrance
- 6M 8.30am - 3.00pm** - Enter and leave via second entrance (on the left hand side as you look at the front of school).
- 6P 8.30am - 3.00pm** - Enter and leave via main entrance

I should also like to make it clear that any full reopening of school, whilst very welcome, comes with no absolute guarantee of safety for anyone in school. We will do our absolute utmost to keep children and staff safe but obviously nothing can be totally guaranteed. I assure you that we are planning ways to move as carefully as we can towards fully reopening and we want to reassure you that we will do this with everyone's safety at the forefront of our minds.

These are our plans as things stand at the moment, we will update them following Government advice. A reminder will be sent in September.

We would like to wish you a wonderful summer break and thank you for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely



Mr. J. Bates
Headteacher