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September 2020 Binstead Primary School Plans

Dear Families,

Thank you for your patience with us whilst we wade through the guidance for September. We are now in a position to be able to share the plans with you.

As you will be aware, Schools are expected to open fully from September to all year groups. We are very excited that we can welcome all the children back and cannot wait to see you all.

There will be some measures in place to ensure the safety of our children, families and staff, I have listed these below as clearly as I can. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us in school before the end of term (Wednesday 22nd is the last day the school office will be manned).

All of the measures in place for September will allow us to get back to a 'near normal' school day, whereby we can meet the needs of all of our children effectively.

Any signs of Covid-19

First and foremost, if anyone in your household has symptoms of Covid – 19, you MUST NOT send your child to school, and should follow NHS guidance until you have a negative test result.

Children with any symptoms (high temperature, cough, loss of taste or smell) MUST NOT attend school.

If a child has symptoms, you should take advice from the NHS on testing and inform the school ASAP of the results of the test.

If there are cases of confirmed Covid – 19 in school, we will inform Public Health immediately and follow their advice. It is also important for us to be actively involved in the NHS Track and Trace programme under these circumstances.

Staggered Start/Finish times

To reduce the amount of children and adults coming into the school grounds at any one time, therefore reducing the risk of contact between families, we will be staggering the drop off and pick up times. We would ask that those children who have permission to walk to and home from school do so, this will, again reduce adults coming onto site.

Siblings who are not able to walk to school themselves can be dropped off at the same time as their EARLIEST sibling. We will have special areas either on the school field, or in the hall in case of wet days for the children to wait in. They will wait in areas with their own bubble. This will be supervised by an adult and they will be sent to their classrooms at the correct time. We would ask that where possible, Years 5 and 6 do not come early with siblings if they are able to walk to school for their allocated time.

At the end of the day, siblings can be collected at the same time as the LATEST sibling. This will enable teaching to continue to the end of the day for each group – rather than the older children potentially being disrupted for the last half an hour of their day. The children will remain in their classrooms until their sibling collection time.

For the purposes of being able to stagger the day, we are grouping year groups together to create a larger 'bubble'. This is so that we can fit everyone through for break and lunchtimes, these will also be the groups who will be able to sign up for clubs together, allowing the limited clubs we will be able to offer to go ahead. The Year groups will be kept

in their own classrooms for teaching purposes but will share breaktimes outside. Where possible, we will enable separation between classes outside, however if these measures continue into the winter months, they will share the playground.

Mr Harris and I will be outside to guide you to where the children will enter the building. There are NO adults allowed in through the entrances under ANY circumstances.

Please remember to arrive ONLY within your timeslot, this will avoid any crowds gathering. If you are waiting for the gate to open, please adhere to social distancing guidelines as per the Government guidelines at the time. These are currently 2m where possible. This will always be possible around our entrances if people are courteous towards each other.

Year 1 and 2 –

Drop off between 8.30 – 8.40

Collection between 2.40 – 2.50

Year 3 and 4-

Drop off between 8.40 – 8.50

Collection between 2.50 and 3pm

Year 5 and 6 –

Drop off (or ideally walk in on their own) between 8.50 – 9.00

Collection/Walk home at 3pm

Reception –

Drop off between 9.05- 9.15

Collection between 3.00 – 3.10

These times allow for the children to have the same amount of hours teaching as normal.

One Way system:

We will be continuing with our one-way system both in and out of the school grounds. This is to ensure there are no crossovers at pinch points.

The one – way system will be in through the Community Centre gate and out through the gate at the bottom of the field. We will be strictly enforcing this system for anyone who comes through the gate as there will be too many people to ensure any kind of social distancing otherwise.

I have attached a map for you to see the system in place.

Staffing:

The guidance allows us as a school to be flexible for teachers moving between bubbles, therefore we will be able to give our children the opportunity again, to have access to a broad and balanced curriculum offer.

This will work in the same way as it used to, with different teachers covering ICT, PE and ART.

Protective measures:

Gatherings:

The guidance unfortunately does not yet allow us to have gatherings mixing the bubbles together, therefore there will be no whole school assemblies or events until we are told it is safe to do so. Whilst it makes me sad that we will not be able to gather together, particularly for Celebration Assembly, we will still be celebrating in classes.

Tables:

Our children will be sat in configurations of tables of 4, or 8 children. If they are sat opposite each other, this will be with 2 tables between them and at least 1m distance. There will be no child perpendicular to another.

Where appropriate (for some of the older classes), the tables may be set out in rows facing forwards (as we often do anyway).

Cleaning:

We will continue to clean our areas more throughout the day. We will have additional cleaning of shared areas (eg toilets and cloakrooms) to ensure they are cleaned as much as possible.

We will continue to support the children with washing their hands frequently, especially on entry to school, after breaktime, before and after lunch and before coming home at the least, including washing their hands after sneezing or blowing their noses.

There will continue to be tissues provided in the classrooms to encourage the children to 'catch it, bin it, kill it'.

Lunchtimes:

- Children will eat their lunch with their own class. There will be tables for each class in the hall. These table will be cleaned before any other class use it. Each table will be well away from each other, and children will not be able to move around once seated, until they are finished, to reduce movement around the room.
- Lunchtimes will be staggered to allow for children to remain in their 2-year group bubbles both in the hall and outside.
- Reception will have their outside breaks in their own outside area.

Visitors into school/meetings:

If any parent needs to speak to a member of staff, this should be requested via phone through the office, or via our contactus email address. Staff will then call back when possible.

The guidance remains that parents are not able to come into the school building, but please do contact us if you want to discuss anything with us at all.

Singing:

Singing is not allowed inside the building at the moment. The guidance states that this should happen outside where possible, and with everyone forward facing, and in groups of no more than 15. We have therefore made the decision that this is something we are unable to do until the guidance changes.

Things we CAN do in September:

It is very exciting that there are things we ARE now allowed to do from September to allow us to get back to a sense of normality in school.

We CAN:

- Have all our children back in school with their friends! 😊
- Have bags that come into school and go home again
- Send reading books home and collect them back in again (because different bubbles share these, we will have a quarantine system in place before they are returned to the shelves)
- Have external professionals in school again (eg Speech and Language, our Art Teacher, supply teachers if needed)
- After school clubs
- Use equipment in each class that is necessary for learning.
- Take the children on school trips (following guidance and ensuring compliance from destinations used). Unfortunately, no overnight trips are currently allowed.

- Be back in school uniform and school shoes (there is no longer the need to wash this more often than you usually would)
- PE Kit can once again be brought in on a Monday and taken home after PE for washing (or on Friday).
- Re – open Early birds to all children (they will sit on year group tables to keep the bubbles separate)

We are very much looking forward to seeing all the children in September, and we fully appreciate how hard this will be for some of them, having spent a lot of time out of school. Those who have returned to school this term have shown us how resilient children can be and have surprised us in how excited they have been to see their friends and teachers again, settling in really quickly. I am sure this will be the same for the majority of our children in September, however please give us a call before the end of term if you are worried about your child and want to let us know in preparation for September.

Over the holidays, once moved into their new classrooms and set everything up, your child's class teacher will put a transition booklet onto their current Google Classroom so they can see photos of the classroom, the adults in their classes and some information on how things will work for them in September (including which door to come in each morning and where their coats will go).

Please, if you have any questions regarding the information above, either email us on contactus@binsteadpri.co.uk or phone us on the number above and we will try our best to help answer any questions you may have.

Thank you all for taking the time to read this information. It will be emailed out to you all, uploaded onto Class Dojo (I will do this as the last thing before the end of term so you will all know where to find it at the end of August when you need it most) and we will also publish on our website on the Newsletter page.

With very best wishes to you all,

Mrs Chessell

Headteacher