



# Bearness Voluntary Primary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians/Carers

## Re: Whole School re-opening 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020

It is wonderful to be able to welcome you all back to school on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020 after what has been a very strange period of time for us all.

The re-opening of schools allows us to get some sort of normality back into our lives and allows all children to get the education that they deserve.

Please be reassured that a huge amount of thought, time and energy has gone into creating plans and risk assessing in order to create as safe an environment as possible. They are not our normal procedures but will give us the best opportunity to socially distance groups of children in school.

We are recommending that parents/guardians and carers visit [www.gov.uk/backtoschool](http://www.gov.uk/backtoschool) for information and practical guidance, this will help you plan for your child(rens) return to school.

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We will be doing our utmost to keep children and adults safe from Covid-19 by putting the following measures in place:

### Staggered Start and End Times:

In order to minimise the number of children and adults entering the school area at any one time we have staggered our start and end times. Please make sure you and your child(ren) arrive promptly at the times indicated below. Your child's class teacher will be waiting for them at the entrance to school to welcome and support them. Could I please ask that once you have dropped your child(ren) off that you move out of the area allowing others to arrive safely.

Class	Time
Acorns and Oaks	9.05am - 3.25pm
Chestnuts	9.00am – 3.20pm
Sycamore	8.55am – 3.15pm
Redwoods	8.50am – 3.10pm

At the end of the school day staff will send one child to a parent at a time, ensuring social distancing can be effective and ask that you support us in this endeavour. Please bear with us during these transition times – we will try and make them as quick and smooth as possible.

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## Bubbles:

Our aim is to socially distance two Bubbles of children in school. This will happen through a carefully planned and staggered timetable to ensure that Bearnese is in fact a place where we socialise; we co-operate, we play, we discuss ideas and we help each other. We want children to enjoy the experience of being in school. Schools are places where we learn to be together not in isolation. When children return in September, this is what will happen; albeit in Bubbles and not mixing with other groups in school.

Bubble 1 – Pre-School, EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2

Bubble 2 – Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6

## Attendance:

Government guidelines indicate that from September school is mandatory and attendance will be monitored rigorously, in line with Trust policy. It is vital that children are here, catching up on missed education and opportunities to develop socially and emotionally as well as academically.

## What to bring to school:

We would like to ask all parents to ensure that children do not bring toys, pens/pencils or stationery to school. Our aim is to minimise the potential spread of infection between us.

Please only bring into school what is necessary.

Items allowed:

- Water bottles
- Snack and/or lunch boxes
- Books (in a small bag)
- Coat/hat/scarf/gloves
- Medication (must be handed to staff at drop off)

We will begin sending reading books home in September and will have a returns box. Books will be stored for a minimum of 72 hours before being returned to the book shelves for general use again.

## Updated contact details:

We also need to ensure that in the event of a child becoming ill / C19 symptomatic that you as parents/carers/guardians are immediately contactable and able to collect your child promptly. We will be very appreciative of your support with this. Please ensure we have the most up-to-date contact details for your family. New data collection forms will be sent home shortly.

## Face Masks:

Children will not wear facemasks in school. Government guidelines indicate that children under the age of 12 have no need to wear a mask as they would be difficult to manage in terms of removing, putting on and storing safely ~ experience would tell us that young children would particularly enjoy playing with elastic!

## Breakfast Club:

Breakfast Club will start on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020 from 8:00am. The cost will be kept the same as last year at 50p per session. During Breakfast Club children will still be placed within their normal school day bubbles to maintain a safe environment.

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**Lunches:**

We have a fantastic new provider of lunches this year. We are extremely excited to see and taste the new menu, as I am sure the children also are. Just a polite reminder that school lunches need to be ordered via Parent Pay. Any issues please ring the school office.

**P.E. sessions:**

More information will follow with regards to days when P.E. will occur. On these days we would ask that all children come into school in their P.E. kit – they will wear this for the whole day. We are doing this due to the limitation of space during these times. We also have a comprehensive risk assessment in place for all school based P.E. lessons in order to increase everyone’s safety.

Thank you all for your support at this time – we really do look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September.

Kind Regards

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