



27th May 2020

Reception Bubble procedures

Dear Parents,

I hope this letter finds you well. We have been working very hard to prepare our school environment for the safe return of our nursery, reception and year 1 children. These children will be expected to attend everyday as they would in a normal school week. We hope you find the following information informative and supportive in preparing you and your child for the 1st June 2020.

'We continue to work closely with our colleagues across the Biddulph Partnership Trust to ensure as coordinated an approach as possible from all schools across the Biddulph area.'

Symptoms of COVID 19.

It is **absolutely vital** that if you, your child or someone in your household has any of the following symptoms you must stay at home and **inform us immediately and organise a test.**

- ❖ A high temperature
- ❖ A loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste
- ❖ A new continuous cough

If your child displays any of the above symptoms we will isolate them in our isolation room and request you are available to collect immediately.

Communication

We value contact from you and know that communication is vital for us all to feel your children are happy, safe and well. However we need to reduce face to face contact between you and our staff. Please continue to use the school text service, phone, and class email to communicate with us and we assure you that if we have any concerns regarding your child we will contact you immediately. Please avoid using the school office in person. Meetings with staff can be arranged by appointments.

PPE and Cleaning Arrangements

The school has provided the staff with access to aprons, gloves, masks and face shields. Staff will be asked to wear all PPE when dealing with a child who has had an accident, is poorly or is showing any symptoms of COVID19. Beyond this staff can wear whatever PPE they feel safe and comfortable in. The site has been thoroughly deep cleaned. Our class bubble bases will all have a cleaning kit and tables will be cleaned frequently. Tissues, swing lid bins and hand sanitiser will be available in each base for frequent use. Additional cleaning of toilets and other equipment will be carried out throughout the school day. Hand dryers have been turned off and all toilets will be provided with additional paper towels, bins and soap.

We will endeavour to reinforce the social distancing measurements as much as possible with young children, this cannot be guaranteed. You can help us with this by ensuring:



- Children attend in clean non-uniform everyday
- No cuddlies or toys are brought into school
- A water bottle is brought on the 1st June and remains at school – staff will sterilise each evening
- Only one adult drops off/collects
- You adhere to the social distancing measurements and the one-way walk system at drop off and collection time
- You adhere to drop off/collection times as closely as possible

Teachers have produced a visual poster to prepare the children for the changes.

Start time:	8:45am
Finish time:	2:45pm
Drop off/collection:	Reception outdoor areas/gate
Lunchtime:	12:00pm in class then outdoor play on the bottom yard
Playtimes:	10:15am & 1.45pm Bottom Yard
One way system:	Parents to enter the Top playground at the allotted time (not before) walk to the Reception outdoor areas gate to drop off/collect then continue down to walk past Early years building and exit by walking up the pathway onto Newpool Road. Please do not stop to chat to others on the school grounds as the timings are based on a quick drop off!

Reception children are entitled to Universal free school meals and therefore do not need to bring a packed lunch unless you want to. Own lunches need to be sent into school in a disposable bag.

Please also find attached our additional behaviour policy guidance, our school COVID 19 school re opening risk assessment, Lunch Menu and also the Welcome to information to share with your child. I hope that this letter has given you the information required to help you understand what arrangements we have made to re-open safely. We are looking forward to welcoming your child back and I hope that you are reassured that we have taken all reasonable steps to ensure the safety of all on our school site.

Links to current DfE guidance are as follows:

- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-education-and-childcare-settings/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-education-and-childcare-settings>
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/preparing-for-the-wider-opening-of-schools-from-1-june/planning-guide-for-primary-schools>



- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/preparing-for-the-wider-opening-of-early-years-and-childcare-settings-from-1-june>

Thank you for your continued support.



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