



Year R, 1 and 6 Return to School

15th May 2020

Dear Parent/ Carer,

I am writing to you because you have a child in either year R, 1 or 6.

As you will be aware, the intention of the government is that the above year groups are able to return to school from Monday 1st June. We will also remain open to our vulnerable pupils and children of key workers from all year groups under the existing criteria.

As we understand it, a return to school is at the discretion of parents and you will not be penalised or fined for choosing to keep your child at home during this time.

To help you make an informed decision we thought that you would appreciate learning how we intend to make the return to school possible within the government guidance (which we recently sent to you for reference.) We have decided to do this sooner, rather than later because, as you can imagine, the number of pupils returning to school will have a direct impact on our plans and staffing rota so we would really appreciate your feedback.

We have been working on a comprehensive plan for the past two weeks and have amended it in line with the most recent government guidance and advice. This letter is intended to give you a broad overview of our more detailed strategy which sits behind it. We have tried to include all the key information that we feel you need to decide what is best for your child in the coming weeks. We wanted to give you time to read and discuss as a family before letting us know your decision.

I feel it only fair to make clear to you that because schools are human organisations and not designed for this situation, whilst we shall endeavour to do everything possible to keep everyone safe in school, none of the measures outlined in this letter are guaranteed to be adhered to 100% of the time.

We cannot guarantee that your child will not contract Covid-19. If you decide to send your child back to school then this will be the informed choice of the parent or carer. Bransgore C of E Primary School will not be responsible or liable for any illness contracted as a result of a pupil being sent back to school. By opting to send your child back to school during this time you are accepting of this fact.

I'm sorry if that last bit sounded overly officious but I feel it is important. So here we go!

Prior to return to school on June 1st we will have allocated your child to a group of about 12 pupils. The groups shall be allocated by year group and named with a letter. So your child may be in YrR group A or Y6 group C for example. You will be sent a letter and informed of your child's group once we know numbers and can allocate groups.



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Each group will be allocated an arrival and departure time for school. This is a strict 10 minute slot, the earliest being 8.40am and every 10 minutes thereafter until all pupils are in school. Pupils will then leave school in the same way at 10 minute intervals from 2.50pm.

All pupils **including year 6** must be accompanied to and from school by an adult to ensure social distancing is maintained.

No PE kit should be brought to school. Pupils must come to school in clothing suitable for physical activity. School polo shirt with shorts/joggers and trainers. Pupils should wear their school sweatshirt **which MUST be labelled.** Pupils will not be changing in school. Clothes **must** be washed after each day at school.

Pupils in YrR and Y1 can bring their book bag but **only** for reading books. Nothing else should be brought to school. Y6 do not need to bring anything to school other than their water bottle and packed lunch.

Y6 pupils shall enter school via the church car park gate and head straight through the main entrance. An adult will direct them, mark them in and take their lunch choice prior to entry.

Y1 pupils shall enter via the church car park gate and head straight into school via the Jungle Team doors. An adult will direct them, mark them in and take their lunch choice prior to entry.

YR pupils shall enter via the Reception gate and head straight into school via Reception door. An adult will direct them, mark them in and take their lunch choice prior to entry.

Once in school pupils will spend the full day in one classroom base and in their small group. They will work with one adult all day and will not mix with other pupils. They will be given their own labelled stationery pack which only they will use. This will be kept in school.

School will operate a staggered break and lunchtime system. There will be no hot school meal available. All pupils will have packed lunch either brought from home or supplied by school. This will be eaten in pupils' class base or outdoors whenever possible.

Each pupil group will have their own allocated unisex toilet. Pupils will use the toilet area individually.

Each group will have their own playtime toys which will be sterilised each evening.

Corridors shall be marked with tape to ensure pupils remember to keep to the left and walk in single file. All corridors will be monitored by adults.

Any pupil who complains of feeling ill should be kept at home and any pupil who complains of illness in school or who has a cough or temperature over 37.5 degrees will immediately be isolated and sent home.

Parents should leave pupils at the gate and should not enter the school grounds except in an emergency.



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The school office will be closed to visitors and shall only accept online payments, telephone and email messages.

Pupils will be distanced in their class base as far as possible, in line with government guidance issued to schools.

Regular hand washing will take place before and after every activity and pupils will be regularly reminded and encouraged to wash their hands. Staff will supervise this.

Toys and equipment that needs to be shared shall be regularly sanitised and all surfaces and handles wiped down regularly.

Use of additional equipment will be kept to a minimum.

These are the key actions we intend to take to minimise the risk of infection at school. Having read this information, please would you let us know if you **DO NOT** intend to send your child back to school on Monday 1st June.

If you make the decision to keep your little one at home please copy and paste this statement and send it via email to admin@bransgore.hants.sch.uk Please return your response by **9am on Tuesday 19th May**. This will really help our planning.

We DO NOT intend to send our child back to school on Monday 1st June.

Name of pupil:

Class:

Year group:

Best wishes and thanks again for your wonderful support,

Mr. Brown and Bransgore staff.