



Happiness and wonder inspires success

29th May 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

We are pleased to let you know that we have worked hard to complete all necessary risk assessments, and re-organisation in compliance with the Governments phased return to school for some year groups on 1st June. Currently, we have organised children and staff into 6 Bubbles with a maximum of 15 children in each Bubble. Each Bubble will have their own resources and staff and a Lunch time Supervisor. School are only providing packed lunches for the children to reduce contamination. There will be no cross over of any Bubbles.

Children need to be brought to school by one adult only and at the specified time. Please adhere to the 2 metre social distancing that we have all become used to and leave school site immediately after your child has been accepted in to the classroom. We ask that parents avoid standing to chat to other parents. Children will enter school by their external classroom door, observing social distancing measures, and they will leave by the same door at the end of the day. Apart from going in the playground in zoned areas, for each Bubble, the children will remain in the classroom at all times to minimise cross-contamination. Children will have access to the toilets, one at a time, and we have employed an extra cleaner to ensure they are cleaned at least every hour, along with basins and door handles and other surfaces.

Each Bubble in their designated classroom will have anti-bacterial wipes, hand sanitisers and disinfectant to clean surfaces.

In the event of a child hurting themselves, there will be a qualified paediatric first aider in each Bubble, with their own First Aid Kit so that the child can be treated appropriately. If a child displays any symptoms of a high temperature, rash, cough or vomiting, they will be isolated immediately to a prepared quarantine room and parents will be expected to collect them as soon as possible. An adult from their Bubble will remain with them until they are collected. We expect parents to contact 119 to arrange for their child to be tested. If the test is negative, the child will not be able to return to school for 14 days according to new NHS guidance. In the event of it being positive, all members of the child's Bubble will be notified and will have to self isolate for 14 days.

Children will be expected to return to school in their school uniforms, but we appreciate that some may have outgrown their shoes and we would not expect Parents to buy new shoes at this time of year, and so we will accept children to wear black trainers/pumps. Sandals/Jelly shoes cannot be worn in school. Can we remind you that Government Guidance states that school clothes MUST be washed daily.

Let's hope the lovely weather continues, however can you ensure your child has a sun hat and you have applied sun cream to them at the beginning of each day.

We appreciate that some parents/carers are still not comfortable with their children returning to school and therefore, we shall continue our home learning activities via the school website and

Purple Mash platform. A member of staff will be overseeing this and updating activities regularly. You can still use your Year group e-mails to make contact.

As things improve and Guidance moves into the next phase, or is updated, Parents may re-consider sending children back to school. However, if this is the case, following guidance, we will need 5 day's notice prior to their return. Parents will need to contact the office and tell them they want their child to return. Children can only return from the beginning of each week, therefore notice needs to be given by Wednesday the latest. We are currently only accepting children who confirmed via telephone or e-mail.

Children returning to school will find the environment very different as we have had to streamline classrooms following government guidance. In addition, children will have to follow social distancing measures which will include not being able to socialise with friends in different Bubbles. We have planned carefully to ensure that our children feel safe and happy to be back in school. We recognise that some of our children may be feeling anxious and we have planned lots of opportunities for sharing and discussing concerns as the children's emotional well-being is our priority. Obviously, we cannot guarantee 100% that they will fully adhere strictly to social distancing measures put in place, but we shall encourage them as much as possible.

As we have a responsibility for our staff's wellbeing, we are unable to provide buddies club or after school clubs for the rest of this term. The Local Authority directive has advised that all staff are to be able to leave school as soon as children have left, therefore we would appreciate it if all children could be collected promptly at the given times.

We understand there is a lot to take in, and you may have questions or be unsure about something. Please remember to contact the office, speak to them initially, or leave a message for a member of staff who will endeavour to contact you as soon as possible. You can also e-mail your year group using your child's year group (nursery, reception, year1 year2)enquiry@bellfield-inf.bham.sch.uk or enquiry@bellfield-inf.bham.sch.uk

Thank you for your support and understand during these difficult times.

Regards

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