

Bredhurst Church of England Primary School

Parents as Partners

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Dear Parents,

Firstly, may I apologise for the length of this newsletter! However, with the majority of the school returning on 29th June I felt that parents will need to know the structure of this return as soon as possible.. I am pleased to say that the school continues to be very calm and ordered with the children who have returned, they all seem pleased to be back and in the swing of things once again. We look forward to welcoming back children in the remaining year groups the week beginning 29th June. Thank you to all the parents who have emailed me during the past week to confirm the arrangements regarding their child for re-opening of the school. I know this has been a very difficult decision for several of you, particularly as we still do not know exactly what is happening regarding the rate of infection. Unfortunately, if I have not heard from you regarding your child's return then your child will be unable to return on Monday 29th June. If you do change your mind regarding this return then you will need to email me on headteacher@bredhurst.kent.sch.uk and await a reply as to when your child will be able to start and which group they will join, as some of our cohorts are now at full capacity. If you believe you have emailed me with your decision and did not receive a reply to your email, please resend your original email and I will get back to you.

I need to ensure that all returning parents are aware of the protocol for the week beginning 29th June as there will be changes for all the children upon their return with the school looking and functioning differently to how it was previously and we would really appreciate it if you could explain these changes to your child. The children that have returned to date have managed very well with these changes, although several were nervous before returning.

There are videos of some of classrooms on the school website so that the children will have an idea of what the classrooms will look like before they arrive at school on Monday 29th June.

We are expecting that some children will find coming into school very daunting on Monday, we have put a link to a downloadable book on our website, which may help your child during this difficult time of transition. Both myself and Mrs Place will be on the playground on Monday 29th June to welcome both your child and you back into school and to help to reduce any anxieties.

We will also be discussing with them the changes we have had to implement and the reasons for these changes. Upon their return, the main teaching will be focused on maths and English, but we will be balancing this with ensuring their mental health and wellbeing is looked after. Each year group will also have a PE type session, based around our school athletics programme 'Ten Step'. On this day your child will need to come to school in their normal PE kit.

The year 6 cohort will also have transition work as part of their curriculum as this is vital to the next stage of their learning, for this reason we would like **to welcome year 6 back for full days for Monday and Tuesday and then continue with their half days Wednesday- Friday.**

Your journey and arrival at school

We are asking parents to enter the school via the back field entrance on The Street, between the times given for each class. Please maintain a 2m distance from other families returning to school. There should only be one adult bringing a child to school and if at all possible siblings should not be making this journey

to reduce social contact. If you need to bring a sibling they must stay beside you, hold your hand or remain in their buggy.

This does not apply to the children of key workers, who are asked to arrive at school by 8.45 via the main gate as has been the usual procedure, unless they have a sibling who is accessing the year group provision, then they may be dropped off at the same time as their sibling, via the back field entrance on The Street.

At school- the drop off

There will be a one way system in operation around the school site so **ALL** families are asked to walk around past the outside of the school building and exit the school via the main school gate on Hurstwood Road.

There are stickers placed on the playground spaced 2m apart for parents and children to wait until they are sent in.

Morning session.

- **Year 5** will be dropped off on the back playground between **8.40 and 8.45**, they will be sent into the school via the side door.
- **Year 1** will be dropped off on the back playground between **8.45 and 8.50**, they will be sent into Forge classroom via the back door.
- **Year 6** will be dropped off on the back playground between **8.50 and 8.55**, they will be sent into the hall classroom via the back hall doors.
- **Year R** will be dropped off on the back playground between **8.55 and 9.00**, they will be sent into Fir Tree classroom via the back door.

Afternoon session.

- **Year 3** will be dropped off on the back playground between **12.30 and 12.35**, they will be sent into Hurstwood classroom via the back door.
- **Year 4** will be dropped off on the back playground between **12.40 and 12.45**, they will be sent into the school via the side door.
- **Year 2** will be dropped off on the back playground between **12.45 and 12.50**, they will be sent into Forge classroom via the back door.

The TA for the bubble will be on the playground to help guide the children in.

We have had to change times for each cohort to be able to clean after the children leave the school ready for the next session to start.

If you have siblings who are in the same session – i.e. the morning session or the afternoon session, then we would ask that you drop both children off at the later child's arrival time. This will help to prevent congestion on the playground.

If your children are in completely different sessions – i.e. morning and then afternoon, we do not have the staffing capacity nor space for you to collect your child when dropping the other off as we need to be able to clean the rooms and toilets thoroughly between the different sessions. We understand this will be

inconvenient, but you may have lunch on the school field with your children before the afternoon session begins to prevent you having to return home between the sessions.

Arrival at the classroom

Parents are asked to drop their children at the door to the classroom, and if at all possible to communicate with the teacher via email. If this is not possible please maintain a 2m social distance and keep your conversation as brief as possible. If there is parent in front of you dropping off a child, please maintain a 2m distance- there will be marks on the playground to help you do this.

Once you have dropped your child off please leave via the main school gate- the school will have a one-way procedure in place.

Children will not be required to bring anything to school with them, except their water bottle (which should have their name on) and a snack. Children will also need a sunhat, if the weather is warm- please apply sun cream before coming to school. If your child requires a bag with any personal items, we ask they keep it with them at their desk area; this mainly applies to the older children.

If your child is in year R,1 or 2 your child is entitled to a free school meal; a packed lunch can be provided for your child. We do not have the capacity for your child to eat their lunch in school, but you may sit with them on the school field while they eat their lunch or they can take it home to eat. For those attending the afternoon session if you would like your child to have a packed lunch on their arrival please arrive 15 minutes before their start time. You may sit with them on the school field while they eat their lunch, they will be unable to stay without an adult with them. We will be sending out a form for the afternoon children only, to enable you to order the school packed lunch.

Clothing

All children will be required to wear school uniform, but not ties. On their PE day they will be required to wear their PE kit. Please ensure your child has clean uniform daily.

Staff and organisation

Children will be in 'bubbles'. This means your child will be in a class of no more than 15, with a familiar teacher and teaching assistant. The year 6 cohort will be in a slightly larger bubble than this, which is why they will be using the school hall as their learning space.

The bubbles of children will have different play times and lunchtimes and will mix as little as possible with any other bubbles in school.

If your child is in the key worker category and also falls within one for the year groups returning to school, the guidance is that they will have to remain in one of the bubbles as we have to keep the bubbles separate.

As a parent you will need to choose which bubble you would like your child to be in. **Please be aware that if your child is taught within their own year group bubble in the morning or afternoon they will NOT be able to then go into the key worker group bubble.** Your child also cannot be in their class bubble for some days and the key worker bubble for other days. I understand this will be extremely annoying and disappointing to some parents, however as a school I have to adhere to the guidance from KCC and the government.

Each bubble will have separate allocated toilets.

School timetable for week commencing 29th June

Year Group	Teacher	TA	Start time	End time	Room
MORNING SESSION					
5	Miss Essenhigh	Miss Fenson	8.40 – 8.45	11.40 – 11.45	Kemsley
1	Mrs Fisher/Mrs Green	Ms Duffree	8.45 – 8.50	11.45 – 11.50	Forge
6	Mrs Carey	Mrs Drewitt	8.50 – 8.55	3.20 – 3.25 (Mon, Tues) 11.50 – 11.55 (Wed, Thurs, Fri)	Hall
R	Mrs Harvey	Miss Weatherstone	8.55 – 9.00	11.55 - 12.00	Fir Tree
AFTERNOON SESSION					
3	Miss Meade	Miss Weatherstone	12.30 – 12.35	3.30 – 3.35	Hurstwood
4	Miss Essenhigh	Miss Fenson	12.40 – 12.45	3.40 – 3.45	Kemsley
2	Mrs Fisher/Mrs Green	Ms Duffree	12.45 – 12.50	3.45 – 3.50	Forge

The school day

Children will be seated 2m apart as much as possible in the classroom and will be expected to remain at their desks, as much as is practically possible, in order to protect themselves and staff. They will be given their own pack of resources to work with. (There will be no soft furnishings or toys that cannot be easily washed, so no playdoh, sand etc)

Lessons

The primary focus on returning will be around the personal, social and emotional well-being of children. It may be tricky for some of them to adapt to this new way of learning. The classroom will look different and no doubt there will be lots of questions to answer. We will be teaching them about the new protective bubble that they will be in. Once we have established these new routines and expectations we will focus on maths and English primarily, we now know that most children adapt very quickly to this new way of working. Each bubble of children will have PE session. The PE days are below. For these days they will need to come into school in their PE kit.

Year Group	PE Day
R	Tuesday
1	Wednesday
2	Wednesday
3	Friday
4	Thursday
5	Thursday
6	Tuesday

Home time and collection

Parents will be asked to collect their children from the back playground, entering the site via the field gate, just as happened in the morning and queue 2m apart. Please follow the route out of school via the main gate and maintain 2m social distancing.

Timings

There will be a staggered start and end to the school day to maximise social distancing. We will be working over morning and afternoon sessions. We know that this may cause some of you difficulties if you have children in both sessions- but we have had to split it like this in order that all children are given the opportunity to return to school in some capacity. Please ensure you arrive and collect promptly to avoid clashing with another year group and to ensure staff have the time to clean the classrooms and toilets between morning and afternoon sessions.

Breakfast and after school club

There will be no after school clubs.
Breakfast club will only be available for keyworker children.

Infection control

Children will remain in their bubbles at all times. This means that should anyone display any symptoms at all, such as high temperature, new persistent cough, loss of taste or smell -the whole 'bubble' would have to self-isolate whilst a test was carried out for Covid 19. If this test came back negative, everyone could return to his or her bubble. If this test came back positive, everyone in this bubble, and his or her family would have to self-isolate for 14 days. If this happens, we would send further details. It may be that we would have to close the whole school in case of infection due to the size of our school site. Should this occur we will notify you immediately.

It is imperative that if your child is unwell in anyway, they remain at home.

Children will be encouraged to wash their hands frequently and will be reminded of the importance of this. Only toys that can be easily washed will be available and children will be encouraged to work and play at their own desk. They will have their own set of pencils and any other equipment they may require.

Clean clothes will need to be worn every day.

Children will have their temperature taken if they feel unwell at all. Teachers and TAs will ensure that frequently touched items, such as door handles will be routinely cleaned throughout the day.

Children and staff are not required to wear any form of PPE, including masks, unless giving a child intimate care.

First aid- first aid will be administered by the class teacher or TA, if necessary. Each class will have their own first aid book and you will be informed if your child has required first aid.

We will endeavor to keep children 2m apart at all times, but social distancing even within their bubble will be very hard to implement and monitor.

School office

The school office will remain open but we ask that you visit this only if absolutely essential. If your message can be delivered via email this is preferable. If you do need to go to the school office, please do not enter the office, a member of the office staff will come out to speak with you.

Please ensure the school office has enough contact telephone numbers and that these are fully up to date.

Key worker children

Breakfast club will remain open to the children of key workers only. These children will continue to work within their key worker bubble and will not be able to move in between key worker and class bubbles due to keeping the bubbles as separate as possible to avoid cross infection. They will be taught by Mrs Allen, Mr Peters and Mrs Adamson. They can order a school packed lunch or bring their own lunch.

They will need to wear sports type clothing for the afternoon activities – which will be art, craft and sports based.

These children will enter the school through the main gate and leave via the same gate. All key worker children will need to arrive at school by 8.45 to avoid different groups of children arriving at the same time, unless they have siblings in a class bubble then they will be able to arrive via the back entrance at the same time as their sibling arrives at school.

Parents of keyworkers will therefore have to choose whether their child attend their year group in the given times outlined or remain in the key worker classroom. Children will not be able to swap from one provision to the other.

If you now wish to use breakfast club, as you believe you are a keyworker and you wish your child to attend the key worker group, please contact headteacher@bredhurst.kent.sch.uk in the first instance, so that we can ensure we have enough capacity.

The school will continue to remain open to the children of key workers, this has not changed, in addition to the children in all other year groups. It is imperative if you are a key worker and need to return to work, you email me on headteacher@bredhurst.kent.sch.uk the days that your child needs to attend. This in order for us to ensure we have the correct staff ratio for the children in attendance and to ensure we can maintain social distancing measures.

If you have not received a reply to an email sent regarding your child returning you will need to contact me on headteacher@bredhurst.kent.sch.uk

Please do not turn up on Monday 29th June without having received a confirmation email that your child is able to attend from this date.

We will **NOT** be setting work on our website for the children not attending school, if you would like some support and guidance regarding work for your child please contact me on headteacher@bredhurst.kent.sch.uk for us to be able to provide you with support you with this.

All this is all subject to change in light of government advice.

Year 5 parents - The Medway Test is currently going ahead under the usual conditions. You will need to register your child through each local authority if you are wishing for them to sit either of the tests. The dates are on the website. We are awaiting news for a possible Kent test date change, as soon as we receive any notice of this we will let you know.

Kent Test registration: www.kent.gov.uk 1st June – 1st July

Medway Test registration: www.medway.gov.uk 1st June – 29th June

Year 4 parents will receive a letter on the children's return to school, the week beginning 29th June, regarding which class your child will be in for September, provided the school returns to normal operating procedures. For any year 4 parents whose children are not returning, you will receive a copy of this by post.

Year 6 parents, please could you email Mrs Carey a couple of baby photos of your child for us to use for their Leaver's PowerPoint on claire.carey@bredhurst.kent.sch.uk. We are busy organising the end events for the year 6 children. Currently these are our thoughts:

Monday 20th July - Instead of the pool party we will have a water fight on the field, followed by pizza (provided by parents – there will be further information regarding this)

Tuesday 21st July – Leaver's Service @11.00, will be an outside service, followed by a picnic on the school field

Thursday 16th July/Friday 17th July – Leaver's Disco – 'Party in the Park' style

These will all be weather dependent, so we will be looking at the forecast nearer to the time before putting firm plans in place.

We will not be sending out school reports this term as it will be very difficult for us to comment on your child's learning over the past two terms. The last report sent out in March is where your child was judged to be working at, at that time.

Thank you to the mums who came to the rescue today by running the Father's Day Gift Sale on the field. We have some very happy children who have gone home clutching their purchases. Dads – we hope you enjoy your gifts and get to have a lie in on Sunday!

Please do continue to keep safe and well and if I have any further updates, I will ensure that I notify you.

Mrs Michelle Cox