

Bredhurst Church of England Primary School

Parents as Partners

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Dear Parents,

How can we already be entering the last full week of term? It seems crazy that we are at this point in the school year.

It does still feel a rather deflated ending to the school year, with the children having missed out on so many experiences and activities. I just wish that all the children were able to stay in their current year groups for a further year as they have all missed out on so much. However, it is not to be, so it is with sad hearts that we are preparing ourselves for our year 6 children to leave us on 21st July and for all our children to prepare themselves for their next year groups come September.

I am so pleased however, that we are able to have both our end of year leavers disco and our leavers service. It will all be different this year but at least the children will have the opportunity to celebrate the end of the school year, and for our year 6 children, the end of their primary education with their friends and the school community.

All the children have coped incredibly well with a very difficult and challenging year. They have had to face so many changes and all of them have had to face losses of some type. They have shown true resilience and perseverance throughout the difficulties and have shown the school values in their attitudes and behaviours in the adversity we have faced. I am very proud of each and every one of them. We look forward to a less stressful school year from September!

I aim to explain to outline the plans for the whole school return for September below, should you have any questions please do email me:

headteacher@bredhurst.kent.sch.uk or the school office office@bredhurst.kent.sch.uk

- There will be staggered starts and end times to the school day
- There will be shortened and staggered lunchtimes
- Due to the shortened lunchtime and staggered school day the day will end earlier than it has previously. We understand that this may be inconvenient for working parents, but we have strict guidelines with which we must adhere
- Children may attend child minders; we will be working alongside Mary Gough to ensure she is able to collect children from different bubbles and look after them safely whilst waiting for the remaining classes to come out
- Although the children will remain in their class bubbles, we do not expect to be able to adhere strictly to social distancing within these bubbles, although we will do all we can to ensure they are aware of the rules and keeping themselves safe
- All children will be expected to return to school in September and parents may be faced with fines for non-attendance – in line with government guidance.
- The children will be in class bubbles from September NOT year group bubbles.
- If you are unsure in which class your child will be for September, please contact Mrs Sage on 01634 231271 and she will clarify this for you
- We will continue to use the one-way system for drop off and collection via the back playground
- If you have children in more than one year group you may be asked to wait with your other children until their class teacher or TA is ready to receive them; the longest drop or collection time for waiting is only 10 minutes if you arrive towards the end of the first drop off time

Class	Arrival Time	Collection Time	PE day
Oakwood	8.40 – 8.50	2.40 – 2.50	Tuesday
Kemsley	8.50 – 9.00	2.50 – 3.00	Thursday
Forge	8.50 – 9.00	2.50 – 3.00	Wednesday
Hurstwood	9.00 – 9.10	3.00 – 3.10	Friday
Fir Tree	9.00 – 9.10	3.00 – 3.10	Wednesday

Upon return in September:

- Children will be required to wear school uniform
- Children will be required to wear PE kit on their PE day
- Children will remain within their class bubbles as much as is possible
- Children will be reminded of social distancing
- Children will be seated in rows facing the class teacher in pairs
- Parents will continue to drop off and collect on the back playground/classroom doors and leave the school via the front gate
- The children will line up in two lines on the playground until their class TA comes to collect them
- Children will be asked to wash their hands upon their arrival at school and regularly throughout the school day
- There will be no whole school worship
- Celebration worship will recommence for the children via a remote platform
- Children will not be required to wear slippers in school
- Each class bubble will use different toilets
- Each child will be given their own-labelled set of equipment, which will remain in school
- The corridors will be one way
- The cleaning schedule in the school will be increased

We will be unable to supply a hot meal initially upon the children's return. You will be able to order a school packed lunch for your child or they may bring in a lunch from home. If your child is in year R, 1 or 2 they still are provided with a free school meal under the Universal School Meal Programme, this will also be a school packed lunch initially. It is our intention to be able to provide hot meals by the start of Term 2.

We are to offer breakfast club from Wednesday 2nd September. A letter was sent out this week to enable us to understand the demand for breakfast club. We know how many children need this provision and know that we can accommodate those children who have already shown interest in a place. A further letter has also been sent out today regarding breakfast club should you wish your child to have a place in September. Currently the plans will be:

- Breakfast club will continue to take place in the hall
- Numbers will be limited
- Bookings will need to take place in advance
- Parents will need to have received a confirmation slip before attending
- Payments will need to be made in advance
- Children will sit in class bubbles at breakfast club
- Children will be unable to mix with children in other class bubbles

If the demand is lower and we have spaces available, we may be able to revert to the previous way of booking prior to this term. However once again, we need to ensure we have correct staffing and the ability to accommodate all the children who would like to space whilst ensuring their and the staff's safety is at the forefront of every decision.

Due to the inclement weather once again, we did not put out the lost property. Should the weather be more settled next week we endeavour to put out the lost property during the lunchtime pick up and drop off time.

If your child still has slippers in school, please do arrange to collect them via the school office or speak with their class teacher if your child is in school.

Don't forget:

Friday 17th July – Leaver's Disco, 3.30 – 5.30

Parents are invited to come along and watch the crowning of the May King and Queen at 5.15.

If you have not received a disco letter, please do look on the school website where you can download it.

Tuesday 21st July – Year 6 Leaver's Service @11.00, on the school field. **There will be no afternoon session for the years 2, 3 and 4 but they may attend the Leaver's Service with you should you wish to bring them to this. Children in years R, 1, 5 and 6 will attend their morning session as usual and attend the service before going home.** The collection time for **all children will be approx. 12.30** unless you would like to stay and have a socially distanced picnic on the school field with your child.

The school will be closed to all children, including key workers, over the entire Summer break – from Wednesday 22nd July – Tuesday 1st September, with the children returning on Wednesday 2nd September.

The Village Charity Shop will be reopening on Wednesday 15th July and any donations will be gratefully received. These can be brought into school and we will send them to the village hall. No books or bedding please.

In these uncertain times, if you are experiencing financial difficulties or your circumstances have changed it may be that your child is eligible for a free school meal. If you think that this may be the case please do speak to Mrs Cox or Mrs Place in confidence and we will support you with the application process.

Have a lovely weekend. Let's hope that the sun shines!

Mrs Michelle Cox