



**Bonnors Church of England
Primary School & Nursery**

**RETURN TO SCHOOL PLAN – March 8th 2021
MRS EWA WILSON – HEADTEACHER**



March 8th 2021 re-opening

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 4. I hope that half-term was kind to you and that even with the restrictions in place you managed to have some quality family time together. Following on from the official government announcement on Monday that all schools will return to face -to- face education for all children from the 8th March, I would like to remind you of the steps we have in place to continue to keep our school community COVID secure. Thank you again for the communication throughout previous lockdowns and re-openings, enabling us to adjust our procedures accordingly. Please do continue with this vital line of communication. We understand everyone has their own individual circumstances to consider and we are always happy to work with families on an individual basis to endeavour to support you where we can.

Attendance Matters

It is mandatory that all children attend school every day from the 8th March. We are working with the county team to regularly monitor and report on attendance and to support families where necessary.

Encouraging regular attendance to school is one of the most powerful ways we can prepare our children for success—both in school and in life!

Children who are clinically extremely vulnerable and have a medical certificate are the only exceptions and we will be working with vulnerable families to support them during this time.

Plan to manage risks

We continue to manage the risks associated with Covid-19 focuses on two main elements:



♣ Limiting contact -bubble groups and social distancing between groups



♣ Hygiene measures – personal hygiene and cleaning

Limiting contact

Children will be in 4 bubble groups:

- ♣ **Bubble 1-** 5 and 6
- ♣ **Bubble 2** –3 and 4
- ♣ **Bubble 3-** 1 and 2
- ♣ **Bubble 4-** Reception and Nursery

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Movement around school will be restricted and we will continue to have our social distancing indicators throughout all corridors.

Wrap around breakfast and after school Club

To support parents with childcare, wrap around will be available from 8th March. The booking system will be available from next week.



Start and collection times - Term 4- 2021

| Start Time | Finish Time | Year Group |
|------------|-------------|--------------|
| 8.45 am | 3:00 pm | Year 5 and 6 |
| 8.50 am | 3:00pm | Year 3 and 4 |
| 8.55 am | 3:00 pm | Year 1 and 2 |
| 9:00 am | 3.00 pm | Nursery |
| 9:00 am | 3.00 pm | Reception |

- School and nursery will finish at 3pm and parents will be directed to move around the trim trail as before lockdown.
- Nursery will again queue in their allocated area by the amphitheatre.
- We will open the main gate earlier from 2.45pm to avoid parents having to queue on the pavement outside of school, so we do not block pavement access for the rest of the community.
- Children and parents will go out following the one -way system as before.
- Due to the larger volume of people and one-way system through the carpark, may I remind parents and carers, for the safety of all, that the car park will be closed again at this time.
- **A polite reminder to all: please do not park directly outside of the school as this causes a safety hazard which we have been alerted to by traffic enforcement and the emergency services.**
- To respect the safety of all, please could all adults picking up keep to social distancing guidelines and wearing face coverings. Children are not required to wear face coverings.
- Class teachers will bring out the children and direct them to whoever is collecting them.
- keep any younger children next to you while they are waiting to collect.



Communication



- Gathering at the school gates and coming into school without an appointment will not be allowed.
- Any queries or questions will need to be raised by email or telephone.

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- Any visitors to school will be asked to adhere to our hygiene and social distancing procedures to protect themselves and others.

Behaviour



- Within school, we will continue to promote social distancing and a 'no touch policy', between groups both in class and during playtimes and PE.
- Children will continue to be reminded not to touch other people's belongings.
- We appreciate that for our younger children, social distancing will be incredibly difficult and so, although we will still promote 'no touch', our focus for the younger ones will be on good hygiene and maintaining cleanliness within the learning environments.

Hygiene measures



- We will be continuing to promote regular handwashing/sanitising; we will ensure that children wash or sanitise their hands regularly throughout the day. This will take place as soon as they arrive at school in the morning, at the end of each break, after going to the toilet and before eating.
- Children will also be encouraged to adopt the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach if they have a cough or sneeze and not to touch their face.
- Each classroom will have a 'keep clean station' where all necessary resources will be available – handwash, sanitiser, tissues, wipes and a covered bin. We will also have an enhanced cleaning schedule during the day.
- Classrooms will be wiped down at the end of the morning session and after lunch, if children have been eating there.
- Doors and regularly touched surfaces will be wiped down and shared spaces (e.g. intervention group work rooms, library) will also be cleaned after use.
- Use of shared resources will be limited to groups and if used, for example in PE, will be cleaned regularly.
- Children will be working together in their own classrooms as before.

Facemasks

Primary school age children are not required to wear masks around school but we will be asking all visitors who come into school to do so. Staff will wear facemasks around school.

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Lateral Flow testing

Primary staff will continue to take two rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) tests each week to identify positive cases more quickly and break the chain of transmission.



Only essential items may be brought to school, as follows:

- a drawstring PE bag containing PE shoes, shorts and a school PE t-shirt (this will stay in school until half term)
- a book bag - reading book, reading journal
- EYFS – a pair of wellies and full water proofs (these will stay in school)
- Reception and Nursery children – a change of clothing in a plastic carrier bag
- for packed lunch children – a small lunch bag or box – no loose items or plastic bags
- clean water bottle to be taken home each day



Lunch time



- The school kitchen will be open to provide hot school meals with the full Chartwells menu available
- Children will eat their lunch in the hall or weather permitting outside within their bubble groups



Play times

- Groups will have different areas of the field and playground to play in
- Play equipment will not be shared across groups
- The Trim Trail will be open but used by one group each week.

NO LARGE BAGS PLEASE- only book bags



- We will expect the children to be in full school uniform, including black shoes – no trainers. Please ensure that your child has their PE kit from day 1 as we will not be able to provide spare kit.
- No rucksacks, large bags, pencil cases or toys will be allowed in school –
- All items of clothing and belongings must be clearly labelled; children will be expected to look after their belongings and staff will not be allowed to hunt for items that children have lost and misplaced.

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COVID-19 Procedure



- We will also continue to have in place, procedures in the event of an outbreak of COVID-19 within the school community.
- The most important message remains – if your child is ill with symptoms of Covid-19, you must keep them at home, inform school and book a test.
- If a child becomes ill whilst in school, we will isolate them, contact you immediately to collect them and advise you to arrange testing.
- In the event of a confirmed case of CV19, we will engage with track and trace, and seek further guidance from our local health protection team.
- See policies on COVID- 19 page on our school website <https://www.bonnars.e-sussex.sch.uk/home/covid-19> with details of the procedures to be followed in the event of a variety of different scenarios – e.g. illness in school, family member with suspected CV19, member of staff with symptoms.



What else do I need to do?

Help us to keep our community safe. If your child has a temperature (even if they feel well) do not come to school. Do not come to school if you or a member of your household is unwell or has any of the following symptoms:



- Continuous new cough
- High temperature
- Loss of smell or taste



Please contact the school if you have any further questions.



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Please be assured that the safety and wellbeing of children, staff and families has been at the heart of all decisions made.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support, patience and understanding.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

We look forward to seeing everyone back soon.

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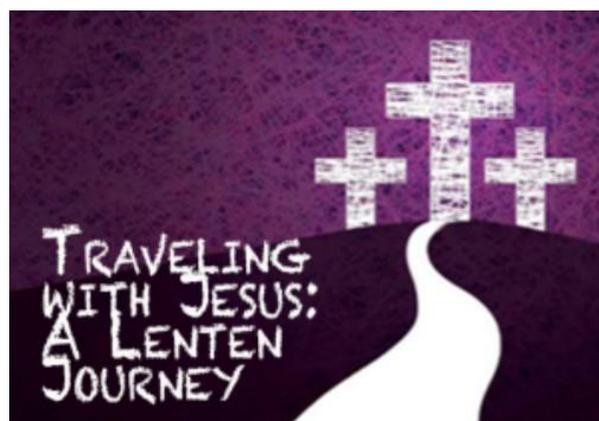
Community- Thank you

As we start the second half of this academic year I am hopeful that the light at the end of the tunnel is coming closer to view. I would like to say thank you to different groups of people following last half-terms efforts and success. The staff for responding so positively to the challenges of remote learning and for keeping the school running. Despite the media claims school has never been shut. I would like to thank the children for their engagement levels and their resilience. I would like to thank the parents for their patience and willingness to try their best.

The only thing that I can guarantee is that as a school community we will rise to the challenges that we are faced and embrace the differences in schooling that we will encounter.

Perhaps as we start our Lenten journey in 2021 we should remember the following things:

- You are stronger than you think.
- Your heart is bigger than you know.
- You have more in you than anyone can see.
- Your positivity is greater than their negativity. .
- You are doing your best.



Warmest regards

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