



Coombe Road Primary Returning to School

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All children can return to school on Monday 8th March 2021.

To keep our school community safe, we will need to continue with 'bubbles'. As we are a small school, the 'bubbles' will remain as follows:

- Lower Bubble – Poppy & Buttercup Classes (Yrs R & 1)
- Middle Bubble – Sunflower, Emerald & Sky Classes (Yrs 2, 3 & 4)
- Upper Bubble – Indigo & Amethyst Classes (Yrs 5 & 6)

Each Class will be kept as separate as possible from the other classes whilst inside and will share outside space/lunch space, gates and toilets with their 'bubbles'.

Classes will have a window of time for drop-off and pick-up and will enter via different gates as follows (please note the changes since December):

Bubble	Classes	Gate	Drop-off	Pick-up
Lower	Poppy & Buttercup	bottom Milner Rd	between 08:40-08:50	between 14:50-15:00
Middle	Sunflower	middle Coombe Rd		
	Emerald & Sky	top Coombe Rd		
Upper	Indigo & Amethyst	top Milner Rd		

Siblings can enter through the main gate (middle Milner Road) in the mornings only (either myself or Mrs Burcombe will be on this gate). The children must be collected from the gate stated in the above table at the end of the day (the sibling gate will not operate at pick-up).

Please ensure that you are on time. Lateness means moving through bubbles and puts others at risk – so please be mindful of keeping our whole community safe.

The 'bubbles' have been organised to suit locations of the classes and toilets within the building.



When dropping off/picking up children, please follow the guidance below:

- It is very important that everyone is prompt at drop-off and pick-up times and that only one member of the household continues to accompany their child(ren).
- Please wear coverings (unless exempt).
- Please keep your child(ren) with you at all times and ensure they are keeping a safe distance from others.
- Please queue, leaving a suitable distance between yourselves and others – do not 'linger' near the gate.
- Please say goodbye to your child(ren) at the gate and do not enter our premises.
- When collecting children - if you drive, please park sensibly and collect by foot (it is not safe for teachers to leave their locations at the gates to deliver children to parents/carers).
- We understand that siblings may be in different 'bubbles' during the school day and ask that you ensure PHE (Public Health England) guidance is followed once home.

Within the school day, we will continue with regular hand-washing and other enhanced hygiene measures. Children will not mix with other 'bubbles' during the school day.

OUT OF HOURS CLUBS:

Breakfast Club and Buddies Club will continue. The clubs will be strictly for our working parents who need childcare provision (or those of you who have existing agreements which support your child) and we ask that you only use this service if absolutely necessary and if no alternative childcare can be sought. This is because we will have to keep children from different 'bubbles' at a safe distance from each other and we will have to 'cap' the number of children who are able to attend the clubs (10 in infants/10 in juniors).

- The clubs will run in the usual space and drop-off/pick-up is via the bottom Milner Rd gate.
- Breakfast Club is currently £2 per session (from 7:45am)
- Buddies Club is currently £6 for a short session (until 4:00pm) or £14 for the whole session (until 5:25pm). The longer session includes a small meal.
- Payment must be made in advance and your child's place may be withdrawn if you do not keep up-to-date with costs.
- Children who do not follow the rules for out-of-hours clubs or behave dangerously with regards to hygiene/distancing measures may have their place withdrawn to ensure the safety of all our community.
- Bookings can be made by calling Lumina on 01273 291188.

LEARNING:

We know that you have done your very best with the remote learning that has been planned so thoroughly by our teachers over this lockdown. We are fully aware of the various challenges that you have faced and of some reluctance from our children. On full return to school, our children will remain on the stage they were assessed at in December – meaning that no children will be where we would expect them to be at this stage (in terms of age-related expectations). This is the same all over the country as children have missed so much of their usual schooling, even if they have been in each day as a key-worker child – so please do not feel anxious about this. We will again enter a stage of curriculum recovery to address what the children have missed. We will prioritise interventions for those children needing it most, and our teachers will work their usual magic to get our school back on track after such a difficult time. This is likely to continue through to 2022.

There will be no formal parent/carer consultations this term and instead, we will offer these (virtually) after the Easter holiday (please continue to keep checking Ping messages for details of these).

If your child is absent due to Covid/isolation, work will be set by teachers using Purple Mash.

ATTENDANCE:

Both the Government and Local Authority are keen that all children attend school every day. I am sure that you are equally eager to get back to the old routine and we will, as always, support you and your child with attendance.

If your household has to self-isolate due to a positive case of COVID-19, it is vital that you keep the school informed of this as we need to report this on the register differently. We will also need the notifications sent from NHS Track and Trace which can be emailed to attendance@coomberoad.brighton-hove.sch.uk

If you are alerted to a positive case of COVID-19 out of usual school hours (i.e. weekend/school holidays) and need to inform us, you can email covid@coomberoad.brighton-hove.sch.uk

Attendance is important but we also need to keep our community as safe as we can. Please check temperatures daily and before leaving for the school day. If your child has a temperature of 38°C or more, do not come to school – even if they feel well. Do not send your child to school if they have any of the following symptoms:

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

Please be aware that these are presently the most significant symptoms of COVID-19 highlighted by PHE (other symptoms may indicate infection) and that if your child feels at all unwell, they should not come into school.

SCHOOL UNIFORM:

Please ensure your child is in full uniform and that this is clean.

All uniform can be bought safely online – visit <https://www.coomberoad.brighton-hove.sch.uk/e-office/starting-at-coombe-road/uniform>

Should you need support, please call our Welfare Officer, Clare Dakin who can help you with spare uniform we keep in school.

Your child's class teacher will communicate with you regarding PE kits (you do not need to bring one into school unless asked by the class teacher).

Please make sure that children have rain coats and warm clothing on cooler days as we will be outside as much as possible.

BOOK BAGS:

Book Bags/a suitable school bag are permitted and must be wiped down on return home/before being brought back into school.

Returned books from home will be placed in a 'quarantine box' for 3 days before being sent elsewhere.

Please understand that we will be unable to change books daily due to the risk of infection on objects being passed between others (PHE have informed Headteachers that the new variant of

the virus is particularly 'sticky'). We will change books for home reading on a Friday and add extras if necessary.

Any individual reading that takes place in school will be followed by hand-washing/sanitisation.

Regular class reading will take place in a safe environment.

Please continue to support your child's learning by reading at home frequently.

OTHER PREVENTATIVE MEASURES TO REDUCE INFECTION:

- We will continue to enforce strict hygiene measures with regular hand-washing and cleaning of touch points throughout the school day.
- We need to avoid the amount of visitors/parents on site so please try to avoid a trip to the school office and make a phone call instead. If absolutely necessary, an appointment can be made. If you have no option but to come to the school office, please follow the direction of Lumina/member of staff who will ask you to sanitise hands and follow the necessary safety measures. Please wear a face covering to protect yourself and others (unless exempt).
- Other visitors to the school, such as Contractors, will have their temperature checked on access to the school building and must wear a face covering (unless exempt).
- All staff are carrying out testing twice-weekly and only come into work after a 'negative' test has been proven.
- All areas of the building will be well-ventilated with open windows and doors. They will be 'aired' regularly. This prevents aerosols of the virus hanging in the air indoors.

BUBBLE CLOSURE:

- Should we need to close a bubble, all learning will move to G Classroom for the period of closure.
- Please ensure that all contacts are kept up-to-date in case we need to contact you in an emergency.

Please make sure that you also read through the letter to children (if you feel this is appropriate) to prepare your child. This letter will also give you further information.

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Term Dates 2020-2021



AUTUMN TERM

First Day of Autumn Term	Monday, 7 th September (INSET Thurs 3 rd and Fri 4 th September)
Half Term (1 week) (children return to school on Monday, 2 nd November)	Monday, 26 th October – Friday, 30 th October
Last Day of Autumn Term	Friday, 18 th December
Christmas Holiday (children return to school on Tuesday, 5 th January)	Monday, 21 st December – Friday 1 st January

SPRING TERM

First Day of Spring Term	Tuesday, 5 th January (INSET Mon 4 th)
Half Term (1 week) (children return to school on Monday, 24 th February)	Monday, 15 th February – Friday, 19 th February
Last Day of Spring Term	Thursday, 1 st April
Easter Holiday (Children return to school on Monday, 19 th April)	Friday, 2 nd April – Friday, 16 th April

SUMMER TERM

First Day of Summer Term	Monday 19 th April
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday, 3 rd May
Half Term (1 week) (children return to school on Monday, 7 th June)	Monday, 31 st May – Friday, 4 th June
Last Day of Summer Term	Wednesday, 21 st July (INSET Thurs 22 nd and Fri 23 rd July)

INSET Days (5 days in every academic year have to be set aside for staff training):

To try and help parents, we have attached our staff training days to existing holidays. The school will be closed on the following days for INSET:

- Thursday, 3rd September 2020
- Friday, 4th September 2020
- Monday, 4th January 2021
- Thursday, 22nd July 2021
- Friday, 23rd July 2021