



24 February 2021

Dear Parents,

Re: Pupil Return to School w/c Monday 8th March 2021

We are all looking forward to the children returning to school on 8 March; for many it will be their first time back in Beckley since the end of December! The staff have been working hard preparing the school for their return.

We introduced a number of key changes to our school routines in September to comply with COVID-19 regulations. These worked very well throughout Terms 1 and 2, so we are confident that we have effective and successful systems in place to follow again. I would like to remind you of these key points of information:

Pick-Up and Drop-Off Times:

Pupil Surname	Drop-off Time	Pick-up time
A – C	8:30am	3:00pm
D – J	8:40am	3:10pm
K – N	8:50am	3:20pm
O – W	9:00am	3:30pm

Drop-Off Arrangements

- Parents and children will line up in the marked area at the front of the school and wait to come into the lower playground, through the gate
- We will continue to take your child's temperature and use hand sanitiser (If the temperature reads above **37.5°C** then parents will be asked to take their child home)
- Children will go straight to their classroom and will wash their hands when they go in
- We will once again, use a one-way system for parents, who will leave through the gate to the school field
- Any parents requiring the school office will need to come back round, following the one-way system and re-enter the school site again

Pick-Up Arrangements

- Parents are to come into the marked area in the lower playground via the school gate. **Please stick to the correct time slot for your children**
- Parents are asked to stand 2m apart and your child will be directed to you
- Parents and children will leave through the gate to the school field

We are aware that for some of our younger children, the prospect of returning to a full day at school might be quite daunting. If you have any concerns about this for your child, please contact me to discuss some practical ways that we can phase their return to school more successfully.

Playtimes and School Lunches:

Our playtimes and lunchtimes will continue to be staggered so that children stay within their bubbles.

Pupils having a hot lunch in school will eat in the hall on a rota basis. Pupils bringing packed lunches will eat in their classroom, supervised by their teacher. Children will still have a time to be in the playground at lunchtimes, with their own class bubble.

The Term 4 menu for hot meals will be put on our school website over the next few days and Mrs Langridge will be emailing you to ask for your choices in due course.

Uniform and Equipment:

All pupils will be expected to wear full school uniform (**clearly labelled**) on their return. However, on two days in the week the children will have a PE lesson, and pupils will be expected to come to school wearing their **Beckley School PE kit** (see the prospectus on the school website), rather than uniform. They will wear their PE kit all day, allowing the normal school uniform to be washed. All pupils will wear PE uniform every Friday, and we will have a rota for classes wearing PE uniform every other Thursday. PE lessons will start w/c Monday 8th March and **the first two classes for the additional Thursday PE lessons will be Acorns and Blue Spruce**. PE lessons will be outside, weather permitting. If the weather is poor, the class will have a non-practical PE lesson (such as a sports quiz, or a study of a particular sport) in their classroom.

We have put systems in place to keep the amount of items moved between home and school to an absolute minimum. Each child will be provided with their own personal set of basic equipment for learning (pencil, rubber, ruler, etc.), which will not be shared with others and will remain in school. Therefore, **children should NOT bring pencil cases into school**.

The arrangements for pupils bringing book bags to school will remain the same – with children in Acorns and Red Maple bringing their book bags to and from school every day, but pupils in Blue Spruce and Evergreen not using them for now.

All pupils will **need to provide their own clearly named water bottle that will be taken home every day and washed**. We will not be using the school water bottles.

Hygiene and Infection Control

The Department for Education has issued the following guidance about the wearing of face masks in school:

'In primary schools, we recommend that face coverings should be worn by staff and adult visitors in situations where social distancing between adults is not possible (for example, when moving around in corridors and communal areas). Children in primary school do not need to wear face masks.' **Schools COVID-19 Operational Guidance, February 2021, DfE**

We do not have any situations where adults are not able to socially distance, however some staff may choose to wear face coverings in some situations.

Risk Assessment

We regularly review and update our risk assessments every two to three weeks. All our risk assessments are presented to governors for their scrutiny. Our risk assessments will be updated once more, in preparation for the full re-opening and we are confident that we have taken all the required measures, with plans for all possible situations.

Finally, for all our planning, protocols, measures, arrangements and procedures – the key aim for us right now is to help the children feel happy and safe in school! We are very aware that some children will understandably be wary about coming back to school after another lengthy absence. However, I know from our previous experience that they very quickly overcame any worries and adapted easily to the routines in place. I strongly believe that when all our pupils return on 8th March, we will see a very similar response. We are really looking forward to the school fully re-opening, with the same hope and excitement about the amazing learning that will take place in the coming months.

Many thanks,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S Thurston". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line underneath the name.

Simon Thurston
Headteacher