

10th July 2020

September 2020

Dear Parents,

I am pleased to inform you that we will be welcoming all children back full-time on the 7th September 2020.

I am providing for you extracts from the most recent government guidance to schools (DfE 02.07.2020). *'It is the government's plan that all children and young people, in all year groups, will return to school and college full time from the beginning of the autumn term.*

The prevalence of coronavirus (COVID-19) has decreased since schools and colleges restricted their opening to most pupils in March, the NHS Test and Trace system is up and running and we understand more about the measures that need to be in place to create safer environments in schools. As a result, the government has asked schools and colleges to plan for all children and young people to return from the start of the new academic year.

The scientific evidence shows that coronavirus (COVID-19) presents a much lower risk to children than adults of becoming severely ill, and there is no evidence that children transmit the disease any more than adults. Of course, there will still be risks while coronavirus (COVID-19) remains in the community, and that is why schools and colleges will be asked to put in place a range of protective measures.

In order to effectively manage the risks that remain, things will be a bit different when children and young people return to school and college for the new academic year.

It is vital that children and young people return to school and college - for their educational progress, for their wellbeing, and for their wider development. School and college attendance will again be mandatory from the beginning of the new academic year. For parents and carers of children of compulsory school age, this means that the legal duty on you as a parent to send your child to school regularly will apply.

A small number of pupils will still be unable to attend in line with public health advice because they are self-isolating and have had symptoms or a positive test result themselves, or because they are a close contact of someone who has coronavirus (COVID-19). If your child is unable to attend school or college for this reason, you should talk to your school.

Each school or college will do their own health and safety risk assessment as part of their planning for the autumn term and the return of all pupils.

*As part of this, there are certain approaches that the government has asked schools and colleges to implement which are essential to reduce health risks. **Parents and carers can support this by:***

- *ensuring that anyone who has coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or has someone in their household who does, does not attend school or college - **this means if your child, or someone in your household, has symptoms you should not send them to school or college***

- *engaging with the NHS Test and Trace process so that cases can be identified and action taken - this means if your child develops symptoms, you should arrange for them to get a test and you should inform your school or college of the results of that test*

Alongside this, the government is asking schools and colleges to ensure they are:

- *managing confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) in the school or college, in line with current public health guidance - this means your child may be asked to self-isolate for 14 days by their school or college (based on advice from their local health protection teams) if they have been in close, face-to-face contact with someone who has tested positive for the virus*
- *ensuring everyone at the school or college cleans their hands more often than usual, including when they arrive at school or college, when they return from breaks, and before and after eating - this can be done with soap and running water or hand sanitiser*
- *ensuring good respiratory hygiene, by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach*
- *enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces more often*
- *minimising contact and maintaining distance, as far as possible - schools and colleges will decide how best to do this, as it will be different for each setting, but in broad terms, it will involve asking children to stay within specified separate groups (or bubbles), and through maintaining distance between individuals.'*

At Brockenhurst CE Primary each class will be treated as a 'bubble' and mixing with other 'bubbles' will not be permitted. We will have a staggered start and end to the day, breaks and lunches on a rota system, and no whole school gatherings until guidance changes.

Drop	Year Group/s	Lunch		Collect
08:30	Y5/6	12:15 Play	12:45 Eat	15:15
08:40	Y3/4	11:45 Eat	12:15 Play	15:05
08:50	Y1/2	12:15 Eat	12:45 Play	14:55
09:00	YR	12:00 Eat	12:30 Play	15:00

We will have Breakfast and Afterschool club running from the 7th September 2020. Information on timings, cost and booking are attached to this message. As mentioned in earlier communications, we will not be running our usual 15:15-16:15 clubs in the autumn term.

As a school, we have carefully planned our curriculum to ensure a smooth transition to a new year group. Teachers will be handing over information about each individual child's strengths and areas for development to the receiving teacher.

Your child's teacher/s and supporting adults are as follows:

Class/ Year Group	Teacher	Supporting Adults
R	Mrs Morris	Mrs Groves
1	Miss McKay	Mrs Cooper
2	Miss Blick	Mrs Revell/Miss Jones
3	Miss Lever (Mon)/Mr Wilcox (Tues-Fri)	Mrs Young/Mrs Cooper
4	Miss Martin	Mrs Pritchard/Mrs Lansdowne
5	Mrs Edwards (Mon-Thur)/Miss Lever (Fri)	Mrs Cowell
6	Mrs Hudson	Mrs Martin/Mrs Nixon

We constantly review our actions against Government guidance and if instructed to change plans we will inform you as soon as possible.

If instructed to make 'groups/bubbles' smaller, we will move to half classes with **their** teacher and a hybrid learning approach - *2 days direct teaching in their class with their teacher (Monday and Tuesday or Thursday and Friday) and 3 days remote learning set by their teacher.*

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to Miss Murphy and Miss Scevity at the end of the term. Miss Scevity has been with us for 6 years and will be setting up a mobile pizza business. Look out for her locally and at family festivals.

It has been an unusual end of term and we have missed many of our usual highlights, such as the production and summer fair. Our year 6 however have been tremendous and we are sad to see them go. They will certainly have their final year marked in the history books!

I am immensely proud of all the children, staff and yourselves. These are not normal circumstances and yet everyone has come together without fuss and remained positive for the greater good. The Brockenhurst family lives on 😊

As always should you wish to contact me you can do so: j.littlewood@brockenhurst-primary.hants.sch.uk

Best wishes

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