

Information for Parents and Carers

Arrangements for the return of all the children to Brunton in September

Organisation is well under way for the start of the new year and we are looking forward to welcoming **all the children back to school**. **HOWEVER please keep in mind that guidance may change between now and September.**

On a positive note the number of cases in Newcastle are so low they cannot be reported due to being able to identify individuals.

Start and end of School day

There will be staggered starts and end times for Reception, Key stage 1 (years 1 and 2) and Key Stage 2 (years 3 and 4). These are our bubbles

	KS2	KS1	Reception
Start	8:30	8:45	9:00
End	3:15	3:00	2:45

Each morning you will enter school by the normal gate. You will drop your child/children off then leave by the back gate which goes through the staff car park into the main car park.

If you have more than one child you bring both children in at the starting time of your eldest child, dropping your younger child at their classroom.

For example if you have a Year 3 and a Year 1 child you will come into the school yard for 8.30 take you Year 1 child to their class and then continue round the back of the school and drop off your Year 3 child, leaving school via the back gate.

In the afternoon you will do the opposite, come into school via the back gate and leave via the normal gate at the front of the school once again picking up siblings on route. If you have more than one child you will pick up at the youngest child's time, collecting your eldest child from their class first then your youngest child.

Please do not arrive at school too early as this will cause too many parents gathering together.

This one-way system must be adhered to. Please do not wait in the yard area and chat with friends – we must try to socially distance at all times.

If you wish to speak to your child's teacher please arrange a meeting through the school office rather than speaking to them at the start or end of the day.

The above measure are to::

- Keep the children safe by being in smaller groups
- Ensure that none of our school children will be walking through the staff car park and are safe entering and leaving school

Whilst in school the children in the 3 bubbles will have different break and lunch times using different areas of our outside space.

The children will be asked to wash their hands on entering their classroom and at various times throughout the school day. We teach the children to have good respiratory hygiene – ‘catch it, kill it, bin it’. It would be helpful to keep practising this at home.

The children need to wear school uniform except on PE days when they can come dressed in their PE kit. All PE lessons will take place outside so your child needs suitable warm clothing e.g. tracksuit bottoms. The children will be given their PE days in September. There will be no PE the first week back.

The children can only bring into school:

- Their coat
- Book Bag
- Water bottle
- Packed lunch – if they prefer not to have school lunches

Attendance

From September all children must return to school. We will follow up any absence daily. We are aware that some children may be anxious about returning to school but we will have measures in place to ensure we work with your child on any anxieties within class or in smaller groups.

Should your household have family that are critically vulnerable then from 1st August it is safe for your child to return to school.

Your child's curriculum

All classrooms will have tables spread out and the children will sit side by side and not opposite each other as the guidance states.

All the children will be starting their year learning the skills they had not covered in the previous year to ensure that any gaps in the children's learning are addressed. This will be for a limited time and once we feel your child is ready for the next year's curriculum we will transition onto this. The children would not be aware of this and they will still be leading their learning through the theme and the Wonder Walls. The full year overview of topic themes are on our website.

Illness

Should your child become ill at school we will follow our usual guidelines, however if we feel the illness could be symptomatic of COVID19 then we would ask families to book a test and then inform school immediately of the results of a test.

If your child tests negative but still feels unwell then we would ask you to keep your child at home until they feel better.

If they test positive then the family need to follow the ‘stay at home guidance for households with possible or confirmed COVID19 infection’. This would mean your child would need to self-isolate for 7 days and the rest of the household to self-isolate for 14 days as stipulated in the guidance.

School would work with the Health Protection Team if this occurred in case we needed to send home those children and or staff who have been in close contact with the child who has tested positive.

Parents' meetings

We are unable to have our normal curriculum and coffee meeting at the start of the Autumn term and our parent workshops for reading and spelling cannot take place. The curriculum overview for each year group will be given to the children at the start of the term and will also be on our website.

Once further guidance is given we will review whether we can hold parent workshops.

The Autumn term parent consultations will go ahead where you can discuss the progress of your child/children.

Visitors in school and visits out of school

We will not be having any volunteers in school during the Autumn term. We may have a visitor in school for example 'The History Bloke' but will ensure full safety measures are taken.

We can make visits out of school but we are working with the bus company to ensure this can be done safely. At present no visits have been arranged for any year group.

Butterflies and Bugs

Butterflies and Bugs will be reopening in September. Please see their website or email them for details.