

- Headteacher: Helen Collings
- Knighton Lane,
Broadmayne,
Dorchester,
Dorset DT2 8PH
- T: 01305 852471
- www.broadmayne.dorset.sch.uk/web



Sunday 3rd January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you in view of the recent announcement by the government that there will be a full reopening of all primary schools in areas below Tier 4. As you may know, our area has recently moved into Tier 3, and so the school will be reopening as planned on Monday 4th January.

I am fully aware that there are many concerns about the rising rate of infection in our area, particularly in view of the new, more easily transmissible variant of Covid-19. The school is currently reviewing our risk assessments to mitigate the risk as much as possible to our staff, children and families.

The following information is correct at the time of writing - I am keeping a close eye on developments and will inform you of any changes as soon as I possibly can!

Key Worker Children

The school is currently reviewing its key worker children list, in order to plan for the possible scenario of school closure. If you believe you qualify as a key worker, please fill out the following short form: <https://forms.gle/Sd6ABd3EBcR6riN1A>

Change to pick up time

We are trialing a temporary change to pick up time at the end of the day, in order to help our parents collect their children quickly. Pick up time will be **from 3 until 3.15pm** and you may arrive at any time in that window to collect your child. We are hoping this will cut down on the number of parents having to wait for their child. We will trial this for one week and then review to see if we feel it is worth continuing.

School Lunches

All school lunches will be in classrooms for the time being, with no mixing of the larger key stage bubbles in the hall. It would be helpful if you could have a chat with your children about this before Monday so they are aware what will be happening. Children will still eat at the usual times and go out to play in the usual way.

Playtimes

Playtimes will continue as normal. Please ensure children have suitable warm coats as we will be outside as much as possible. In order to support social distancing, we will continue to use the field for our Key Stage 2 children, and this can get quite muddy at this time of year. If you wish to send your child in with a change of shoes we are happy to do this (for instance, they may wear trainers at playtimes and change back into school shoes afterwards).

Inside the school - uniform

Please ensure children have plenty of clothes to keep warm - layers are very useful! We do need to keep classrooms well ventilated, and at certain points of the day rooms may be a little chilly.

Closure of Bubbles and Remote Learning

It may be that we will have to close class bubbles within school, and this could be at very short notice. If this does happen I hope you know that the school will do everything possible to support our families. In the





event of children having to self isolate, we will move to online learning - please ensure your child can access Google Classroom (if in Years 1-4) in order that we can move quickly to this if needs be. If you have any issues with this, **please let your child's teacher know.**

Contact with staff

Face masks must be worn on school premises. You may well find that for the time being staff will be wearing masks at classroom doors. Can I ask you not to engage staff in conversation at the door, and keep contact to an absolute minimum - anything that they need to be informed of should be passed on via telephone or email.

As a reminder, staff can be contacted on the following email addresses:

Reception - year-r@broadmayne.dorset.sch.uk

Year 1 - year1@broadmayne.dorset.sch.uk

Year 2 - year2@broadmayne.dorset.sch.uk

Year 3 - year3@broadmayne.dorset.sch.uk

Year 4 - year4@broadmayne.dorset.sch.uk

Many of these changes will hopefully be temporary, and we will still work hard to make school as 'normal' for our children as possible. Our risk assessments are dynamic, and as you all know we often get guidance from the DfE with very little notice, so things may change quickly - we will always try and keep you as informed as possible. My intention is not only to try and minimise risk to our families and staff, but also to avoid partial school closure as much as possible, as this places a heavy burden on staff and parents. By all working together I know we can get through this next difficult period in what has been a very difficult time.

I know many people are feeling really anxious right now, and I want you to know that the school is here to support you as much as possible. If you want to get in touch I can be reached via my headteacher@broadmayne.dorset.sch.uk email, or you can give me a quick ring at school at any time.

Yours faithfully,
Mrs Collings

