

BORINGDON GUIDE
for
Summer Term
2021



We take pride in everything we do.



In the summer term, we will begin to make slight adjustments to our guidance, so we can begin the journey to return to some sort of normality. However, many of the procedures we have in place, will stay with us for a while longer. Boringdon Primary School has proactively and successfully managed the impact of the pandemic to date and wish for this to continue in the future. I would like to reassure you that we will continue to do everything we can to ensure that the health and safety of pupils and staff remains our top priority. Our planning will mean that your child/children can access school without concern. We will continue to monitor and update our plans, in line with the government guidance.

I wanted to put all the key information into one booklet for you and your family. I hope you will find this guide informative.

Attendance

It is vital for all children to return to school to minimise, as far as possible, the longer-term impact of the pandemic on their education, wellbeing and wider development. Those children with higher overall absence tend to achieve less, in both primary and secondary school. School attendance will therefore be closely monitored again and this means that the usual rules apply.

If your child is unwell, we recommend that parents contact the GP in the usual way. Medical advice is available 24/7, please telephone 111. If your child is going to be absent from school, we ask that you contact the school by telephone: 01752 330424 or email: admin@boringdon.plymouth.sch.uk

Bubble Groups

Each class/year group will be treated as a separate 'bubble' in order to reduce grouping children together, and to avoid contact between other groups. We aim, as much as possible, to keep bubbles separate. However, at times, especially in outside areas during clubs, lunch and playtimes we will begin to open up year group bubbles, though this will be carefully managed. We will continue with staggered lunchtimes, minimising the number of children in the dining hall. Children with packed lunches will either eat them outside (picnic style) or in the classroom.

'Catch it, bin it, kill it' approach

We will be promoting good respiratory hygiene at all times. Children are encouraged to always carry tissues and to sneeze or cough into a tissue, dispose of the tissue in a bin and then wash their hands as soon as possible.

Classrooms

Classroom layouts may need to be altered to maximise the distance between all teachers and pupils. Each class will try - where possible - to keep doors open. This will eliminate door handles being touched and will also help keep classrooms well ventilated. For younger children, classroom layouts may be adapted to suit a more conducive learning environments. Resources such as books and games can be used and shared within the bubble, but will be cleaned regularly. Any resources, such as science equipment, can be used across bubbles, but will be left untouched and out of reach for a period of 48 hours afterwards.

Cleaning

Rigorous cleaning and disinfecting of classrooms and furniture will take place at the end of each day. Toilets will be cleaned after lunch and at the end of the day. This cleaning will also include common touchpoints, such as door handles, light switches, taps and soap dispensers. Table surfaces will also continue to be cleaned after lunch. The school has purchased additional cleaning hours and this will be maintained in the summer term.

COVID-19 Signs and Symptoms

We ask that if someone in the household has COVID-19, that the child does not come to school. Anyone who displays symptoms whilst in school will be isolated immediately and parents contacted. Anyone who displays symptoms can and should get a test. Tests can be booked online through the NHS testing and tracing for coronavirus website, or ordered by telephone via the NHS 119. We ask parents to inform the school immediately of the test results. If someone tests negative, they can stop self-isolating. If someone tests positive, they should follow the 'Stay at Home: Guidance for Households with Possible or Confirmed Coronavirus Infection' and must continue to self-isolate for at least 10 days from the onset of their symptoms.

COVID-19 Testing

Testing facilities are available at our nearest NHS testing centre at Derriford. NHS testing is available to anyone in the UK who is showing COVID-19 symptoms, including under 12s. If a child displays symptoms, they will be required to take a test.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

We will actively promote extra-curricular clubs as soon as possible, as we recognise that these are important for the health and well-being of the children.

Face Masks

Face masks can be worn by any pupil or teacher who wishes to do so. However, if pupil's face masks become wet or uncomfortable, this arrangement may have to be reviewed. Pupils must not swap face masks with other children.

All staff, unless exempt for medical reasons, will be expected to wear face coverings in all communal areas. This will include - corridors, staffrooms, staff workrooms, staff toilets and whilst undertaking duties at break/lunch times in enclosed spaces such as dining halls. This will also apply to staff meetings. However, even with face coverings in use, appropriate social distancing and hand sanitisation should still apply to any staff meeting.

Hand Sanitiser

Hand sanitiser is available throughout the school for staff and pupils to use regularly. Hand sanitiser is also available in every classroom.

Hand Washing

Thorough handwashing routines will be implemented throughout the school day. All visitors to the site will be required to use anti-bacterial hand sanitiser. Pupils will be asked to wash their hands when they arrive in school, before and after play time, before and after lunch time and at the end of the day before returning home.

Lateral Flow Testing

Staff will take a lateral flow test twice a week.

Learning

Identifying gaps in learning will be a priority as well as re-establishing good progress in the essential areas of phonics, reading, increasing vocabulary, writing and mathematics. Our curriculum will remain broad, so that the majority of pupils are taught a full range of subjects over the year, including science, art, geography and history. Some pupils will receive additional support from teachers and teaching assistants.

Lunch

Hot meals will be available to order from the school kitchen. Children with a packed lunch will eat in their classrooms or outside 'picnic style'. Timings of each bubble in the dining hall will be staggered, with bubbles kept separate from each other. Tables will be cleaned after each year group has eaten. There will be a one-way system to enter and exit the hall in order to avoid creating busy corridors. Children briefly passing in the corridor or playground is considered low risk.

Playground Equipment

We ask parents to refrain from allowing their children to play on our equipment and to kindly vacate the school site as quickly as possible, after picking up their children. If your child does play on the equipment, we ask that they maintain a social distance of 2 metres. Parents should ensure that their child's hands are wiped with sanitiser gel or sanitising wet wipes which are

then disposed of in the bin immediately after use. We ask that children do not eat or drink whilst accessing the play equipment.

Remote Learning

Over the last few months, the school has shown that it can deliver remote learning to a high standard. We have embedded the use of Microsoft Teams as well as using Seesaw to communicate with parents and pupils in the future. For any child or group self-isolating, remote learning will continue with Seesaw/Microsoft Teams, in a blended approach to learning.

Routine

A return to school routine has been established and this will help your child's focus and engagement in class.

School Uniform

We expect all pupils to wear normal school uniform. Uniforms can be washed in the normal way and do not need to be cleaned any more often.

Social Gatherings

In order to avoid social gathering on the playground, we ask parents to socially distance from each other and avoid waiting in groups. We have introduced a one-way system to encourage a steady flow of people entering and exiting the school's playgrounds and request ONE parent only to drop off/collect children. To help avoid congestion, we will maintain a stagger start and end times. To help remind children and adults to socially distance, we have marked entrance school paths and the main corridor in 2m intervals.

STAGGER START AND END TIMES FOR THE SUMMER 2021

To reduce congestion at the front and back gate we will maintain staggered start and end time. We have kept the times close, so to minimise the impact on parents of children in different year groups. A reminder that we have no jurisdiction outside the front and back gates and therefore we urge parents to consider carefully the way they drop off and pick-up and ensure social distancing is maintained wherever possible. We will monitor the situation carefully and make adjustments where deemed necessary.

YEAR GROUPS	ENTER THE SITE	PARENTS Allowed on-site	REGISTRATION	HOME TIME
Yr5/6	8:40am	No	8:50-9am	3:10pm
Yr3/4	8:45am	No	8:55-9:05am	3:15pm
REC/Yr1/Yr2	8:55am	Yes	9:05-9:15am	3:20pm

Staff will be at the front and back gates to assist with the drop off and pick-up of the children. Reception parents will use the front car park; Year 1 parents will wait on the Key Stage 1 playground and Year 2 parents will congregate on the KS2 playground. Please be reassured that staff will be available to assist.

Temperature Checks

We ask parents to check their child's temperature every morning before coming to school and once again after coming home at the end of the day. Should children feel unwell during the school day, school has infrared temperature checking facilities.

Trips and Clubs

Fortunately, the size of the school provides adequate space for healthy exercise at a safe distance from others. In order to keep the entire school community safe, we will do everything we can to reduce contact between people and avoid large groups congregating together. Sports and activities will be conducted in such a way as to remove points of contact as much as possible. School trips and offsite activities will be reviewed and closely monitored.

Visitors

Updated protocols on visitors to the school building are in place. All necessary visitors (school nurse, educational psychologist, etc) to the school will be required to use hand sanitiser and to leave their contact details should we need to contact them in the future. Parents will be allowed inside the school building if approved by the Senior Leadership Team. Unfortunately, coming onto the school site without an appointment is not allowed.

Worried or anxious?

We recognise that good mental health is essential for pupils to thrive in school. Many of our teaching assistants are trained to support children's emotional needs. Through the Plymouth Excellence Cluster Multi-Agency Support Team (MAST), we can refer children for counselling or drama/art therapy and support parents by providing Family Support Workers.



Public Health
England

Staff or children with suspected or confirmed COVID-19?

A new continuous cough?

OR

Fever?

OR

Loss or change
in taste or smell?

3. Small numbers!

4. Avoid/ reduce mixing

2. Clean! Clean! Clean!

1. Wash your hands!

5. Declutter and
reduce sharing

All of these measures help
to prevent the spread of
infection and will therefore
protect staff and children

Isolate and test!

Call 119 or use NHS online portal

FOR A

SUSPECTED OR CONFIRMED CASE

Contact your local

Health Protection Team (PHE) on

0300 303 8162 or swhpt@phe.gov.uk

CATCH IT

Germs spread easily. Always carry tissues and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.



BIN IT

Germs can live for several hours on tissues. Dispose of your tissue as soon as possible.



KILL IT

Hands can transfer germs to every surface you touch. Clean your hands as soon as you can.

