

The Bishops' C of E Learning Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing with some key details of our plan for the wider reopening of our school from September.

Attendance

As per the Government guidance, attendance at school from September will return to normal and be compulsory for all children. My view, and I'm sure yours, is that schools are vital to the education, wellbeing and life chances for our children.

Staggered drop off and pick up times

To minimise the risk of infection from large groups of people, we have staggered the start and finish times of different classes. Please see the table below. If you have siblings in more than 1 class, those children will be able to go straight into their class at the earlier time and be collected at the later time; to ensure no pupils miss learning time. They do not have to wait in the playground and should not access any of the play equipment. **It is vital that all children are collected on time at the end of the day.**

Year Group	Class	Entrance	Timings	
Nursery	Little Fistral	Left hand steel grill gate	Drop Off:	8:45am
			Pick Up:	2:45pm
Reception	Fistral Towan	Left hand steel grill gate	Drop Off:	8:45am
			Pick Up:	2:45pm
Year 1	Porth Perran	Left hand steel grill gate	Drop Off:	9:15am
			Pick Up:	3:15pm
Year 2	Watergate Harbour	Left hand steel grill gate	Drop Off:	9:00am
			Pick Up:	3:00pm
Year 3	Tolcarne Atlantic	Right hand wooden gate	Drop Off:	9:15am
			Pick Up:	3:15pm
Year 4	Gannel Whipsiderry	Right hand wooden gate	Drop Off:	9:00am
			Pick Up:	3:00pm
Year 5/6	Crantock Holywell Lusty Glaze	Left hand steel grill gate Right hand wooden gate Right hand wooden gate	Drop Off:	8:45am
			Pick Up:	2:45pm



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Friday afternoons – school closes at 1pm.

Those of you who have children attending school will know that we currently close on Friday afternoons at 1pm to allow the school to be deep cleaned. This will continue in September. It also enables us to reduce the amount of staff moving between bubbles which enhances our infection controls. This arrangement will be continuously reviewed in the autumn term; it is part of Kernow Learning's COVID 19 response strategy. **Children of key workers who have no other option will be able to stay until 3.15pm by prior booking with the office.**

Hand washing

The government continue to promote the importance of handwashing and use of hand sanitisers to prevent the spread of COVID 19. Therefore, we will continue to teach your child about the importance of handwashing. As a minimum, pupils will wash their hands at key transitions throughout the day.

Behaviour expectations

We have updated our positive behaviour policy amendment in response to Covid 19. We want our school community to feel safe, calm and re-assured, and to know that it will be okay to come back to school. We have created an environment that is and feels physically and emotionally safe for all of us. When all the children return, we want them to feel excited and happy coming into school and we want them to know that we are genuinely delighted to have them back and to be able to see them again. We will provide an inclusive environment in which the children feel surrounded by support, and know that they can rely on all the adults around them to be positively reinforcing the same messages to create these warm, welcoming feelings of care and nurture when we cannot touch and need to keep a safe distance. In returning children to school parents are agreeing to the revised expectations. Please read <https://www.the-bishops.cornwall.sch.uk/web/behaviour/277358> and **'What to expect and what we expect'** attached to **this letter.**

Uniform, Coats and PE kits

Children are expected to wear school uniform as normal. PE kits are to be brought into school on Mondays and returned home on Fridays for washing. **PE kits must be kept in a named bag.** Children can bring their coats into school as required. Your child must only bring in the essentials. E.g. no toys, trading cards or pencil cases.

Break times and Lunch arrangements

Class playtimes will be staggered and each bubble of children will be allocated an outside area. We are very lucky with the amount of outside space at school which means our classes can maintain their distance from each other. We will be providing Universal Infant Free School Meals, (children in reception, year 1 and year 2) and Free School Meals for eligible pupils as usual. Pupils are welcome to bring a packed lunch if preferred and this will be kept on their peg or in their locker. Eating times have been staggered and split between classrooms, the new hall and the old hall. There will be a maximum of 3 class bubbles in the hall at one time; each group can maintain distance and each space will be cleaned after use. Where classes are eating in their own room, packed lunches and school dinners will stay together. School dinners will be delivered to classrooms for those children not eating in the hall.

Breakfast club (Early Birds) and Lounge Club

We are currently in the planning stage to restart our breakfast club, Early birds, in September. Lounge club, run by Miss Foden, is also in the planning stage. More details about this provision will follow as soon as possible. Please be aware that this may not be available in the first week back.

Curriculum and timetables

We are very aware of the detrimental effect the period of lockdown will have had on our children. We pride ourselves on having a nurturing ethos and enabling all children to flourish academically, spiritually and emotionally. Our first week back will be our 'Warm Welcome Week', where the teachers and children will reconnect, build relationships and remind each other of routines. From the 14th September we will launch our 'Blossom Curriculum', Read Write Inc will restart along with Power Maths. There will be some assessment to identify gaps in learning and inform our teachers' planning moving forward.

Collective Worship

Our assemblies and worship will take place in classes from September. Collective worship is a very important aspect of our school and over the lockdown period we have continued to come together using MS Teams and Zoom. We will have a whole school, virtual collective worship once per week and we will continue to celebrate children's learning including all the usual certificates, awards and prizes on Friday afternoons but this will be done in class.

Extra-curricular activities

We are very proud of our extra-curricular clubs' provision and from September these will be adapted to fit with our infection controls. **Each class teacher will offer a club to their class** – there will be no mixing of classes for clubs like in previous terms. **Clubs will be active, outside and will finish at 4pm.** More details will be published at the start of next term. **Clubs are planned to start week beginning 21st September.**

Visiting the school

In line with the government guidance, we will continue to keep visitors to the school to an absolute minimum. If you wish to make an appointment, **please do not come into the school building** but contact the school in the normal way through 01637 876317 or thebishops@kernowlearning.co.uk

I hope that answers more of your questions on our continued planning in response to the government guidance. We are all very much looking forward to all the children returning to school in September. Please remember that these plans are under constant review and changes will be made continually to keep everyone safe. I will update you further as updates require. As ever, thank you for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely



Adam Richards
Head teacher