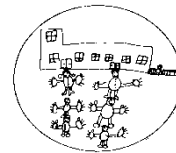


# SLADEFIELD INFANT SCHOOL



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Dear Parents/Carers

## **RE: Welcome Back!**

As you will know, we will be welcoming all children back to school, next Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> March. We cannot wait to see the children back at school again; whilst it has been great to see the children remotely, it's going to be even better to see them in person!

The majority of what is going to be happening in school is pretty much the same as how we were running things before the lockdown took place, but there are a few things that it is important to share with you or remind you of.

## **Dropping Off and Picking Up**

The drop-off and pick-up gates and doors remain the same as before the lockdown. However, we have made a few changes to the timings of drop-offs and pick-ups for some classes, so please check the table below:

New Class	Entrance Gate	Drop Off/Pick Up Door	Start Time	End Time (Mon-Thu)	End Time (Fridays)
1	Sladefield Road	Back Conservatory	<b><u>8.55am</u></b>	<b><u>3.05pm</u></b>	<b><u>12.35pm</u></b>
2	Sladefield Road	Back Conservatory	<b><u>8.35am</u></b>	<b><u>2.45pm</u></b>	<b><u>12.15pm</u></b>
3	Bamville Road (car park)	Main Entrance	8.30am	2.40pm	12.10pm
4	Bamville Road (car park)	Main Entrance	8.50am	3.00pm	12.30pm
5	Bamville Road (car park)	Class 5's Door	<b><u>8.45am</u></b>	<b><u>2.45pm</u></b>	<b><u>12.10pm</u></b>
6	Sladefield Road	Back Conservatory	<b><u>8.45am</u></b>	<b><u>2.55pm</u></b>	<b><u>12.25pm</u></b>
7	Bamville Road (car park)	Class 5's Door	<b><u>8.35am</u></b>	<b><u>2.55pm</u></b>	<b><u>12.20pm</u></b>
8	Bamville Road (car park)	Main Entrance	8.40am	2.50pm	12.20pm
9	<b><u>EYFS Entrance</u></b>	Class 9/10's Door	8.30am	2.40pm	12.10pm
10		Class 9/10's Door	<b><u>8.55am</u></b>	<b><u>3.05pm</u></b>	<b><u>12.35pm</u></b>
11		Class 11's Door	8.40am	2.50pm	12.20pm
12		Class 12's Door	8.50am	3.00pm	12.30pm

Please note: Classes 1, 2, 5, 6, 7 and 10 have NEW start and end times.

We have made this decision to further minimise the number of families on site at the same time, and, in particular, leaving the school grounds on Bamville Road at the same time.

The one-way system will be followed again, so all parents/carers will be asked to leave by the Bamville Road exit, and will not be allowed to leave via the same gate as they entered. We do appreciate that this does mean that you have to walk further than usual, but surely it is important to keep us all as safe as possible to minimise contact; we are doing this so that we can try and maintain social distancing amongst the adults. Please help us to ensure that this happened by staying 2 metres apart from other families when you are in the playground and around the school.

Also, we did notice that, when some families were waiting in the playground, some children were not staying with their parents/carers. Please can we ask that families stay together in the playground as we do not want children from different class 'bubbles' mixing.

Finally, please be aware that the time indicated in the table above is the start of a 10-minute period in which your child can be dropped off. As such, there is really no need to be at school early and queuing up; classroom staff will stay at their entry/exit doors for 10 minutes, so don't feel pressured to be at school at the exact time shown.

### **A School Day/Week**

As with during the Autumn Term, the Government have let schools adapt their teaching to make sure that the children 'catch up' in their learning of English and Maths. This means that, for the next 4 weeks at least, the children will be taught more Phonics, Reading, Writing and Maths than they usually would.

However, we also know that our children need to have a lot of time to develop their personal, social and emotional needs, and so we will also be increasing the amount of sessions linked to PHSE.

We also know how important being physical is, and so we are ensuring that the children are being as active as possible throughout the school day. Each class will have 1 designated PE lesson each week. **On this day, the children can come dressed in their PE clothes rather than their school uniform.** Your child's PE day is the same as it was before the lockdown.

As we want school to be as normal as possible, we expect children to be in FULL uniform (except for PE days). It would be ideal if you can ensure that your child uniform is cleaned regularly. Ideally, we would like your child to wear a new set of uniform each day, but we are fully aware that this is not sustainable for some parents/carers. Therefore, we ask that you ensure that your child wears a clean uniform at least once during the week, each week.

Your child does not need to bring anything with them to school EXCEPT their book bag, so that we can continue with making arrangements to change books regularly.

We also request your child wears a coat to school. Whilst it might be getting warmer, as we have to ventilate classrooms as much as possible, it might be the case that we have to ask the children to wear their coats in the classroom; as such, even on warmer days, please ensure your child has a coat with them.

### **Face Coverings**

Government guidance has now indicated that staff in school should wear face coverings where no close contact within 2 metres with other adults can not be maintained. As such, you will notice that, at the start and the end of the school day, our staff will be wearing a face covering when they collect and dismiss the children, and will also wear these at various times throughout the day, including during lessons, at times.

**In order to help even further, we strongly request that parents/carers also wear face coverings when dropping of and picking up their child from school.**

## Wraparound Provision

As before the lockdown, we will be offering a limited Breakfast Club facility, **which will be for the children of parents/carers who have working commitments and have to drop their child off early at school.** The Breakfast Club facility will have a **drop-off window from 8.00am and 8.10am, and will cost £1 per day.** Children will be greeted at the front conservatory, and then will be sat in Year Group 'bubbles' during the time they are in school, until they make their way to their classrooms.

We will also be offering wraparound provision on a Friday afternoon, until 3.15pm, again for working parents/carers only. If your child was attending this before lockdown, and you would like for them to maintain their place, please contact the school Office to let them know; we will not require any additional evidence to show why you require the place. If you have not used this provision before, but need to use it once the children return, we ask that you provide evidence to show that you are unable to collect your child at their collection times on Fridays.

## Risk Assessment & Attendance

As a school, we are confident that we have put in place all of the necessary measures to ensure that your child is safe at school. We have produced a very detailed Risk Assessment that can be found on the school's website on the 'Home' page: <http://www.slfield.bham.sch.uk/home>

Please take some time to read through this if you would like to know more about the strategies we have put in place to ensure everyone at Sladefield is safe.

The Local Authority have also indicated that it is now compulsory again for children to be in school. We know that this is a very different world that we live in at the moment, and some of you may have experienced challenges during lockdown. If you would like some support at this time, or think that your child might, and would like to make an appointment with Miss Spears, please contact the school Office.

## Visiting School

We are trying to minimise the number of people entering the school site as much as possible. As such, please contact the school Office to inform us if you wish to come to see one of our Office staff.

We also request that, if you are wanting to visit school for whatever reason, that you use the following times:

- between 9.00am and 10.00am
- between 11.00am and 11.45am
- between 1.00pm and 2.30pm

Thank you for your continued support in helping us to make sure Sladefield is up and running again, and I look forward to seeing you all on the school gates – don't forget to give me a wave!

Kind regards



Mr R Meadows

Head Teacher