



Bierton CE Combined School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have all had a safe and healthy summer break and have managed to enjoy at least some of the time together as a family. With only a few days remaining I wanted to send out a few reminders ahead of the Autumn Term recapping just some of the information that Mr Gadsby sent out to you in July (Please refer to this previous letter as well). We are looking forward to welcoming all children back in to school full time in September and have spent a lot of time putting measures and procedures into place to ensure it is as safe as possible for all the children, the staff and the whole community.

School Term Dates:

Term	Open on morning of	Close at end of afternoon of
Autumn	Thursday 3 rd September 2020	Thursday 22 nd October 2020 at 3.15/ 3.20pm
-	Monday 2 nd November 2020	Friday 18 th December 2020 at 1pm
Spring	Tuesday 5 th January 2021	Friday 12 th February 2021 at 3.15/ 3.20pm
-	Monday 22 nd February 2021	Thursday 1 st April 2021 at 1 pm
Summer	Tuesday 20 th April 2021	Friday 28 th May 2021 at 3.15/ 3.20 pm
-	Monday 7 th June 2021	Wednesday 21 st July 2021 at 1 pm

School Timings:

A staggered start and end to the day will be in place to support the flow of adults and children on site to minimise any crowding.

Nursery 8:30am - 3:30pm

Reception and Key Stage 1 (Ash, Alder, Beech, Birch and Blackthorn) 8:30am - 2:45am

Years 3 & 4 (Cedar, Cherry and Chestnut) 8:45am - 3pm

Year 5 & 6 (Hazel, Holly and Hawthorn) 9am - 3:15pm

We know that many of our families have siblings in different year groups, so you can drop older children off at the younger child's time slot. After school you can then pick up the younger child at the older child's time slot.





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Entrance and Exits:

Nursery:

Parents and Carers of Nursery children will walk their child/ren round to the nursery classroom door to say their goodbyes. You will unfortunately not be allowed into the building but members of staff will be on hand to support your child with their belongings and settle them into the room. At the end of the day / end of their session, you will go to the side gate and buzz through to nursery where a member of staff will grant you access through the gate. We ask that you then please wait by the small side gate for a member of staff to greet you and bring your child out with their belongings.

Reception:

We know that dropping your child off at school is a huge deal as for some it may be the first time you have left your child all day in someone else's care. This is honestly usually much more daunting for the parent/carer than it is for the child as the children settle very quickly into fun activities which takes their minds off the fact their parent/carer has left. To support you in this process, for the first Thursday and Friday (3rd and 4th September), parents and carers of children in reception, may walk their children round to the classroom door. You will not be allowed to enter the school building I'm afraid but you can say your goodbye at the classroom door and see your child go into their classrooms. From Monday 7th September we will ask you to follow the same procedures as those listed below for Key Stage 1 and 2.

Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2:

In the mornings, parents and carers can either drop off via the turning circle if travelling by car or at the brown gate as usual if walking or cycling/scooting to school.

For pick up, enter on foot through the exit gate of the turning circle and wait in a line, whilst adhering to social distancing measures. Your child will then be brought round to you.

Please can we ask all parents/carers to continue to walk to school down Parsons Lane on the school side of the pavement and then walk away from school on the opposite pavement to allow social distancing guidelines to be observed by all.

Sanitisation stations will be available for all children to sanitise their hands on arrival at school and then children will be able to wash their hands once they have entered their classrooms.

We will continue to monitor and risk assess these measures as we work through the term and will notify you of any changes as applicable. We have been really grateful to the whole community so far who have worked together to ensure that all parts of the community are as safe as possible during these pick up and drop off times.





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Preventative Measures:

- All windows and internal doors will continue to be open to allow as much fresh air to pass through the building as possible. Please ensure that children are wearing a school jumper as the temperature begins to lower over the next few weeks.
- Each bubble is provided with a box of resources and toys which are easy to clean.
- Children from Year 2 upwards will be sat at desks facing forward with individual packs of stationary.
- Each classroom has a sink, soap and hand sanitizer and children will be asked to wash their hands frequently throughout the school day.
- Breaks and Lunchtimes are staggered across the day and each bubble has a set of equipment that they can use whilst outside playing. Children will be advised to play in small groups of no more than 4 and will be provided with a choice of activities.
- Each classroom has cleaning equipment to be able to wipe down tables and surfaces throughout the day.
- The toilets will be limited to one child in a toilet block at a time.
- The school will be cleaned thoroughly each day.

Uniform:

Children need to wear full school uniform to school in September. If you need to purchase any uniform you are welcome to pick up an order form from the school office. A pile of order forms will be left outside the school office door on the inset days if you want to pop down to school and pick one up. Please then place your orders along with the money into an envelope and place in our black post box on the wall. We will then process these orders for you to collect on the first two days of school.

On PE days, children will be asked to wear their PE kit to school to reduce risk of contact during transitions. A Newsletter will come out from each class on Friday 4th to share the PE days for your child with you.

The current government guidelines state that children under the age of 12 are not required to wear face masks to school. We will continue to monitor the guidance and keep you updated but for young children at Primary age it is difficult to not constantly touch a mask, I know as adults it is hard enough, so we will keep you updated if this guidance was to change.

Hot Dinners:

For those in Key Stage 1 and 2 please ensure you have logged in to ParentMail this week to order any hot dinners for the first week back. Go to 'Accounts' section on Parentmail to place your Hot meal orders.

Those children joining us in Reception, you will have hot meals provided automatically on Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September whilst we get you set up on ParentMail. We will then send out information on how to book your child a hot school dinner. Under the Government scheme this will be free but you are still required to book a dinner so that the kitchen knows how many meals to prepare.





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We are completely aware that returning to school full time appears daunting for all - children, parents and staff alike and we will continue to communicate and work with you closely. We know lots has changed and will continue to change and we will therefore keep you updated frequently to ensure we can continue to work together as a whole community.

We really are looking forward to welcoming all the children to school full time in September and continuing to allow them to let their lights shine brightly.

Kind regards,
Ms Martin
Headteacher

