



Bishop Aldhelm's C.E. Primary School

Loved by God; United in Learning

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*Love, Unity,
Courage
and Inspiration*

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Dear Parents/Carers,

May I once again take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year. We have had a very positive day in school with all staff attending training. We are pleased to say that at the time of writing this letter, we are open and look forward to welcoming your children back into school tomorrow morning. Having just received notification of an announcement by the Prime Minister at 8pm tonight, this letter is subject to changed. At this time, we have had no indication or notification of what this announcement will bring.

Staying Open:

You can help us to stay open and to protect your family's health by doing the following:

- Washing children's uniform every night
- Keeping to the your child's allocated drop off/collection time (outlined again below)
- Wearing face coverings (anybody over the age of 12) at all times on school site, unless exempt. If exempt, please display a lanyard/be prepared to show exemption cards.
- Adhere to social distancing (at least two meters) between other parents and also towards staff. Year 1 parents please stay behind the wooden fenced area and do not approach the classroom doors.
- Only 1 adult per family to drop off in order to reduce the number of adults on site at one time.

Home Learning:

If your child is not able to attend school due to isolating, please let the school office know so that home learning can be provided. There is a government expectation that when off school, children complete the set work and return this to their teacher. This is reported on externally as well as reviewed in school. This also helps teachers to see the progress that children are making and what additional support they require when they return to school.

Communication and updates:

We appreciate that there is a huge amount of speculation out in the public about whether schools are going to close. We will let you know as soon as we hear anything official. Please respect that we often hear information through the media at the same time as you and therefore need time to gather the information and communicate with parents.

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Drop Off/Pick Up Times Reminder as per Autumn Term:

EYFS

Please use the Grey Gates at the front of the school to drop off (@8:50- 9am) and collect your children (@ 3pm).

Key Stage 1 – Year 1 and 2

Please use the Blue Gates at the front of the school to drop off (@ 8.50am – 9am) and collect your children (@ 3pm)

Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 3 and 4

Please use the Grey Gates at the front of the school to drop off (@ 8.40am – 8.50am) and collect your children (@ 3.15pm)

Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 3 and 4

Please use the Grey Gates at the front of the school to drop off (@ 8.40am – 8.50am) and collect your children (@ 3.15pm)

Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 5 and 6

Please use the Green Gates at the back of the school to drop off (@ 8.40am – 8.50am) and collect your children (@ 3.15pm)

If you use the drop off zone and drive to school you can continue to drop off in the mornings using the Blue Gates at the front of the school. Please do stick to the appropriate times.

Please note:

- Blue Badge holders can continue to use the Blue and Grey Gates
- Pregnant Mothers and those with underlying health issues can also continue to use the Blue and Grey Gates
- If you wish to drop off/collect siblings with different start and finish times at the same time, then you must drop off at the earliest time and pick up at the latest via the gate available to you family. This is so that older children do not miss out on learning in their class from arriving later or being picked up earlier. Key Stage 2 children will not be released early from class. Key Stage 1 staff will be in their classrooms to receive children earlier or supervise children after the collection times if parents are collecting an older sibling.

Children should be dropped off by one family member and must enter each classroom via their classroom.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your overwhelming support during this difficult time.

As ever, we will do our best to keep you informed of any changes as soon as possible.

Best wishes,

Scott Tait