



Dear Parents and Carers

Re-opening of School to ALL Pupils

We look forward to welcoming all pupils back in to school on Monday, March 8th. It will be a real pleasure to fill our school with the sound of children and to share fully in their learning journey once again. Thank you again for all your support during the latest National Lockdown, we appreciate all your hard work with Remote Learning- all your efforts will have reduced the impact of school closures on your children.

Staff have been working hard to plan a broad and engaging curriculum, which focuses on rapid progress and embedding essential knowledge, but one which also allows for work around wellbeing, emotional resilience and nurture. Practical and creative sessions will give children a chance to reconnect with their friends and teachers and to familiarise themselves once again with daily routines and school-based learning. Our aim is to combine high expectations with reassurance and our usual praise-based reward systems. We know your children learn best when they are settled and feel secure.

The following information will help you to plan for a return to school, and enable you to talk to your children about school routines and expectations as we move a big step closer to 'normality'.

Site safety

- **Children can be dropped off between 8.30 and 9am and collected between 3.05 and 3.20pm, from the classroom doors.** These extended times should enable families to also access the Junior School site at their staggered drop off/collection times.
- **The previous one-way system will continue to operate in the playground-** please respect this and allow a few more minutes for your school drop off and collection if necessary.
- **The wearing of masks by all adults on site during drop off and collection is mandatory.** If you are exempt, please ensure your lanyard is clearly visible.
- **Adults, please practise social distancing when on site and keep 2m apart.**
- **Only one adult** should access the school site- additional adults need to wait outside the perimeter fence.
- **Staff will be in the playground to greet children and to answer any queries you may have.**

Keeping safe during the school day

- Children will spend the day, including breaktime and lunchtime, in their **class bubble**, with consistent adults.
- In line with government guidance classrooms will be **well ventilated** and **high use areas cleaned frequently**.
- **Regular handwashing and the use of hand sanitiser** will continue to be built into daily routines.

- **Children will be encouraged to maintain space**, although government guidance accepts young children do not socially distance in school.
- **Staff will wear face masks and maintain social distance when in communal areas**, but not when in their class bubbles with children. Children should not wear face masks during the school day.
- All staff will continue to use **Rapid Lateral Flow Testing** twice weekly to help stop the spread of Covid-19.
- **Resources will be cleaned frequently and kept within the class bubble.**

What you can do to support your child's return to school

- ✚ *Prepare your child by talking through the school day and remind them of the things they most enjoy about school*
- ✚ *Watch the 'welcome back' video from your child's classteacher which will be posted on Tapestry on Friday 5th March.*
- ✚ *If your child is anxious about their learning, reassure them that all their friends are in the same position and that their teachers will support them to settle back in.*
- ✚ *Ensure your child has Forest School and PE kit with them so classes can make the most of the spring weather and spend time outdoors.*
- ✚ *Ensure your child brings their bookbag every day and also a named water bottle.*
- ✚ *Your child will need school uniform, a coat and comfortable shoes suitable for accessing the outdoor track. We do understand that it is difficult to obtain school uniform at the moment, and children just keep growing, so plain, dark trainers and jogging bottoms would be acceptable for now.*
- ✚ *Set your alarm to help children get into the routine of getting up and having breakfast in time to leave for school.*
- ✚ *Arrive at school in good time to say goodbye to your child and well before the school gates shut at 9am. Arriving late unsettles children and means they miss the social start to their day.*

The full reopening of schools is a positive move forward and we know that some of you will be very excited and ready for it, and others will be more anxious and unsure. We are here to help in any way we can. Please speak to us in the playground or phone the school office on 0121 4532636 or email office@rednalhill-inf.bham.sch.uk. We also hope that the recent Parent Consultation telephone discussions were useful; class teachers found the feedback from parents invaluable when planning for your child's return to school.

Finally, we would like to remind you that in line with government guidance, children's attendance at school from March 8th onwards is statutory, unless the child has received a shielding letter, or is unwell.

Yours in partnership

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