

BEECH HILL SCHOOL

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Thursday 16th July 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Hussain

As you are aware, we will be welcoming all children into school from Tuesday 1st September. Nursery and Reception start dates may differ. It is now compulsory that children attend school and all children must come in on their first day back.

Children will be in a class as usual and will spend most of their time in their own classrooms (with staggered start and finish times – see below) but we are planning to hold whole year group events and activities in the playground – weather permitting. **Children will be expected to wear full school uniform from September – please see our website for details of this.** Children will also need a school PE kit to bring into school with them when needed. Please ensure all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Below I am going to break down some of the guidance that schools have been given so that you will understand the systems and procedures in place whilst your child is in school.

Reopening of school in September 2020

- There will be a one-way system into the playground and you will be asked to stand in a designated line to drop off your child. 1m mark points will be indicated in these lines just like when you go to the supermarket. You will then leave via a different one-way system.
- All parents to use the one way system on the school site, including nursery.
- Only one parent/carer will be allowed to drop off in the playground and will not be allowed to enter the school building; this includes parents with children in nursery and reception. We will insist that all children are dropped off and collected by an adult (even year 6 children who would normally walk independently).
- There will be staggered drop off and collection times you will be reminded of these via Seesaw as follows:

Nursery TBC Reception 8:55-3:10 Years 1, 2 and 6 - 8:45-3:00 Years 3, 4 and 5 - 8:55-3:10

- Siblings of children in years 1, 2 and 6 can also be dropped off at 8:45. There will undoubtedly be teething problems but I am sure we can work together to iron these out.
- As much as possible, the same staff will remain within the same bubbles. Where staff do move around, and for teachers/visitors from outside school, they will ensure they keep a 2m from children and other adults at all times.
- Each classroom will have desks set up facing the front and teachers, where possible, standing 2m away from the pupils (this will not be possible with the younger pupils).
- Safety checks and risk assessments will be carried out thoroughly and these will be reviewed regularly so we can ensure we are following the guidance and keeping everyone safe.

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- Parents and carers will not be able to come into the school building but there will be a system in place for parents to speak with office staff. Please contact teachers on Seesaw if necessary.
- Regular hand washing will take place and bins will be emptied regularly throughout the day.
- Additional cleaning carried out throughout the day.
- Each pupil will have their own set of resources.
- Pupils will remain in 'year group bubbles' during lunchtime and for some other activities.
- The playground will be zoned to keep the different year groups apart.
- We will use the different entrances and exits around school to minimise contact.
- Outdoor learning opportunities will be planned into the day as much as possible.
- Reading books will be sent home with children as usual and we would like all children to read every evening. When books are returned to school, they will be left for 72 hours before being borrowed by another child.

As a school we can assure you that we have put all the measures in place following the DfE's latest guidance around school reopening. Please note the following key information:

- Staff will not wear face masks or coverings unless it is suspected that a child has symptoms of covid 19 and then they may use PPE for their own safety until the child is collected.
- A child or staff member showing symptoms of covid 19 will be sent home and asked to isolate; they must arrange a test immediately. Local authority advice currently states that when someone in a bubble shows symptoms, the bubble should also close as soon as possible until the results are known. If the test is negative, the whole bubble will return to school. If the test is positive, the whole bubble must self-isolate for 14 days.

We look forward to all the pupils returning and getting the school back to some form of 'normality'.

If you need further information or would like to chat with me then please get in touch via Seesaw or by emailing the office at admin@beechhillschool.co.uk.

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