



BEECH HILL SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Following the Prime minister's announcement, we are pleased to confirm school will reopen for all pupils from 8th March 2021. **It will be compulsory that children attend school and all children must come in on Monday 8th March 2021.**

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.** Please ensure all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name. On days when your child has P.E. they must come to school dressed in their P.E. kit.

The timetable and organisation of the school will be very similar to what was in place when the children returned in September 2020. 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 – March 2021

- 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 exit from the playground.
- **All parents to use the one way system on the school site, including nursery at the start and end of the day** – please see Seesaw for further details regarding nursery arrangements.
- 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 (except for year 6 pupils if parents would like them to come independently).**
- There will be staggered drop off and collection times – you will be reminded of these via Seesaw – as follows:
 - Nursery 8.45-11.45 and 12.15-3.15
 - 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. Likewise, siblings of children in years 3, 4 and 5 can be collected at 3.10.
- 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 distance from children and other adults at all times.
- Where possible the children 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 wear face coverings when moving around school but not in classrooms. Primary age children are not expected to wear face coverings in school.
- Staff will not wear face masks or coverings at other times 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 10 days.

Friday afternoon clubs will continue as they were during the Autumn term and will consist of catch-up sessions for children. All children who were attending previously still have a place and are expected to attend. Please contact the school office if you are unsure about this or if you would like to request a place.

We look forward to all the pupils returning and getting the school back to some form of 'normality'. **Please follow the government guidance when in the playground by wearing a face covering (unless you are exempt) and keeping a 2m distance from others.** This will support school and the wider community in keeping the virus under control.

Our school risk assessment has been updated in line with Calderdale Public Health guidance and can be found on our website at <https://beechhillschool.co.uk/bhps/coronavirus-update/>

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.

Yours faithfully

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