



Beecholme Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of this school year, we are beginning to say goodbye to the children within our 'bubbles'. It has been so lovely having some children and families back on site and we would like to say a huge thank you for all the support and kind words we have received.

This update is to focus mainly on class arrangements for September and also the wider opening of school. We are still receiving and organising guidance that is being sent through from the DfE. However, we are happy to state that, as things stand, we are very much expecting to open to **ALL** pupils when we return in September.

Class arrangements for September 2020

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| Nursery | Mrs Bartels Mrs Gowri |
| Reception | Miss Bousfield Miss Lindsay |
| Year 1 | Miss Casban Mrs Donnelly |
| Year 2 | Miss Mantell Mrs Premkumar |
| Year 3 | Mrs Ansong Miss Grabowska |
| Year 4 | Mrs Raja Miss Keenan |
| Year 5 | Miss Morris & Miss Doyley Miss Carr |
| Year 6 | Mrs Martin Mr Rondeau Mrs Ravi |

The teachers will be recording a short video to introduce themselves and welcome their new classes, which will be uploaded into Seesaw on **Friday 17th July**. However, as you can see there are no new members of staff to the team this year and therefore the children already know all staff members well. We really hope that this will help ease the transition back into school for some of our children, particularly when the majority have been away for such a long time due to COVID.

Full opening in September

The Government have made it clear that all children are expected to return to school in September, unless we experience a spike locally and the area is locked down. If this is the case, we will be ready to continue with home-learning using Seesaw as our learning platform. It is vital for all children to return to school to minimise as far as possible the

longer-term impact of the pandemic on their education, wellbeing and wider development. Missing out on more time in the classroom risks children falling further behind. From September, we will continue to follow our Attendance Policy, which you can access via our website.

Hygiene measures.

There are sinks outside each pair of classes, and we also have sinks in the toilets. Children will wash their hands with soap on entering the school from outside, after using the toilet and before lunch.

There are also hand sanitiser dispensers outside every classroom for children to use throughout the day.

There are posters above all the sinks with clear instructions about how to wash properly and staff will teach the children again at the start of term and remind them weekly so that it becomes routine and habitual. Every class will have tissues and bins with lids so children can 'catch it, bin it, kill it'.

The school is cleaned daily by our cleaners and rubbish is removed. One cleaner will be on site during the middle of the day to carry out mid-day cleaning of essential areas.

Sharing resources between bubbles will be kept to a minimum, and if this does happen, these resources will be cleaned.

Curriculum

On the children's return on **Monday 7th September**, time will be spent working on re-connecting children with school and friends: the teachers have planned a whole school project that will encourage the children back into work using their basic skills and creativity. It will also incorporate some mindfulness, team building, art, as well as time in class with teachers getting to know each other.

In the following weeks, we will start the curriculum as normal, and adapt our teaching to meet the needs of children. Ongoing assessments will enable us to identify gaps in learning and put in place support to enable children to catch-up. There are many resources being produced to support schools with catch-up which we will access as needs be.

School Dinners

School dinners will resume as normal in September, the menu will be up on the website shortly. Lunchtime will be carried out on a rota and staggered system to allow for the 'bubbles' to be kept together both whilst eating and whilst playing outside and mixing of year groups will not occur.

Wrap around Care – ‘Little Acorns’

Little Acorns will resume its normal service of breakfast and after school provision as of **Monday 7th September**. Please e-mail or phone the school office if you will require a place by Monday 20th July, no later than 2.30pm.

Start and finish times:

7.45a.m. (children will be taken to their class at the designated start time)

5.45 p.m. (children will be collected from their class at the designated finish time)

School Times

We will continue with staggered start and finish times, to ease the likely hood of congestion at these times of the day. We would kindly ask that the school grounds are not used as a ‘catch up’ meeting place and that we all follow the rule of **‘Drop and Go’** – drop your children at the required time and go as quickly as you can. This is again, to ease any large groups forming.

After the first 2 days we will ask Year 5 and Year 6 parents to leave their children at the gate and let them walk into school independently. As a general rule always walk on the left when you are entering school grounds.

Year 5 and Year 3 will enter school through the usual entrance and Year 4 and year 6 will enter their classes through their outside classroom doors.

Children now will refrain from scooting or riding their bikes on the school grounds. Once they arrive at the gate they will need to dismount.

| | Start Time: | Finish Time |
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| Nursery | 8.45am | 11.45am |
| Reception | 8.55am | 3.05pm |
| Year 1 | 9.05am | 3.15pm |
| Year 2 | 8.50am | 3.00pm |
| Year 3 | 9.10am | 3.15pm |
| Year 4 | 9.00am | 3.05pm |
| Year 5 | 8.50am | 3.00pm |
| Year 6 | 8.45am | 2.55pm |

Other Information

- There will be no whole school assembly in the hall, this will be carried out in classrooms via our ‘Microsoft Teams’ learning tool.
- There will be minimal visitors in the first half term but our Governors and Merton Education Partner will support us in monitoring our return to school.
- Please continue to ring or email the office if you need to contact us about anything.
- There will be no after-school clubs in the first half term, but we hope to start these after half term.

- Children should wear their full uniform as normal except on PE days when children can wear their school PE kits (Beecholme badged t-shirt or blue plain t-shirt, dark shorts and plimsolls/trainers). All children can wear full PE kit on a Wednesday and the class teachers will issue the information about each classes other PE day on our return in September.

Parking Restrictions

Please be aware that parking restrictions, including cameras on Beecholme Avenue, will start in September 2020 outside Beecholme Primary School and in the nearby roads. Merton Council have introduced these to encourage active travel to and from school which will improve the air quality in the immediate area outside of the school. If you normally drive to school, please think of alternative ways to get to and from school.

I am sorry for the lengthy letter, but I wanted to give you as much information as I can before we break for the summer holidays on Thursday.

Our continued thanks go to you and everyone within our school. Your positivity and encouragement has been greatly appreciated. Have a safe summer holiday and I look forward to seeing you in the new academic year.

Best wishes,

Mrs Phyllis Sternberg