



BEARWOOD Primary and Nursery School

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Good Afternoon,

School is being kept open for the most vulnerable children (those with EHCP plans) and for **critical key workers** who **have** to work and have **no other childcare option**.

Social distancing is essential to prevent the spread of the Coronavirus and we all need to comply. Therefore, if you are able to keep your child at home, if you work from home, if there are older siblings at home or if you do not have to attend work, then your children are expected to stay at home.

Please note, that if you work shifts, you would be expected to collect your child as soon as possible so they are at the setting for as little contact time as possible.

In line with government guidelines, children will need to be sent home if they display any symptoms (new, persistent cough/Temperature above 37.8) and the whole family will need to self-isolate for 14 days. Children will not be permitted back into school until this time lapses.

Arrangements

- School will be open from 7.30am (kidscape) – 3.30pm
- The telephone will not always be manned but the admin email account will be checked regularly. Please use school@bearwood.poole.sch.uk to contact us.
- Drop offs and pick ups will be at the **main entrance**. **Please note that social distancing is in place therefore only one family in the foyer at a time.**
- All children will have lunch provided for them.
- Children will need to bring in a water bottle and a small snack – no rucksacks please
- Children should wear comfortable clothing
- No other items should be brought in from home.
- Children will be encouraged to wash their hands frequently and may bring in small bottle of antibacterial gel and moisturiser if needed

Social distancing

It is really important that you talk to your child about what to expect when they are at school.

It will be a very confusing time for them as school will not be like what they know. They will recognise and know the teachers/TAs and we will do all we can to make them feel comfortable and happy. In order to protect everyone from the risk of infection, certain rules will be in place:



- Everyone should try to retain a good space between themselves and others
- Children will be sat on separate tables
- Children will be allowed to access the outdoor area throughout the day but we will encourage them to maintain a suitable distance from others when playing
- Each child will be given their own bag with pencils and glue to use while in school and they will not be sharing this equipment.

We are here to support our children and families that need us the most in our national fight against Covid-19. It is an uncertain time for all of us but may be particularly overwhelming for our children. We will do all we can to keep everybody safe and relieve any anxiety that they may be feeling. We will endeavour to make this experience as best it can be for both children and staff.

Warm regards,

Laura Bennett
Head teacher

