



Home School Agreement during the Covid-19 pandemic

In light of the Covid-19 pandemic, staff, parents and children will be required to behave differently when they return to school and adhere to the systems and processes put in place to support the safety and wellbeing of our pupils.

The school will:

- Remind staff to comply with social distancing guidance outside of school.
- Stay alert for any pupils demonstrating symptoms of the virus and send them home.
- Organise pupils and staff into class bubbles.
- Do everything possible to minimise contacts and mixing while delivering a broad and balanced curriculum.
- Recognise youngest children will not be able to distance at all times but will encourage as much as possible.
- Aim to keep staff with the same children, but where staff operate across different classes and year groups they will maintain distance from children and 2m from other adults.
- Ensure that all class bubbles are kept apart from other class bubbles.
- Ensure adults avoid face-to-face contact with children and reduce time spent 1 to 1 with a child.
- Organise side by side seating with desks facing forward, and remove unnecessary furniture from the classroom.
- Stagger arrival and collection times and put in place appropriate measures to enable pupils and adults to socially distance.
- Organise the premises and pupil movement in a way that it reduces contact with other pupils, by implementing a one-way system around the school with clear signposts and marking out 2 metre spaces.
- Pedestrianise the car park to ensure that we can safely manage the entry and exit of pupils into the building at different points and times.
- Meet the pupils in the pedestrianised car park and show them where to wait 2m apart.
- Wipe down children's water bottles on entry and exit to the school.
- Ensure that only one pupil is allowed in the toilet area at a time.
- Create a rota for play times and zone outdoor areas to restrict contact between the different 'class bubbles'.
- Provide pupils with their own personal equipment in their own smart sack.
- Display posters around the school to remind children and adults to follow social distancing guidelines.
- Provide cleaning equipment for teachers' use in all classrooms.

- Follow cleaning routines to keep the premises clean throughout the day ensuring that high risk contact points e.g. work surfaces, door handles, taps etc. are thoroughly cleaned and disinfected regularly. A cleaner will be onsite all day to ensure that this happens.
- Provide soap and sanitiser for use by pupils and staff throughout the school.
- Reinforce safe hand hygiene and respiratory hygiene at all times.
- Ensure that where it is safe to do so (bearing in mind fire safety and safeguarding) doors are left open to limit the use of door handles and aid ventilation.
- Ensure shared resources and toys are cleaned at least once a day.
- Regularly review risk assessments, taking account the changing situation relating to the coronavirus and subsequent emerging government guidance.
- Inform parents of any new changes in guidance for schools.
- Discuss the 'pupils will....' section when pupils come to school and as needed.
- Discuss symptoms of the coronavirus with pupils so that they understand what they symptoms are.
- Collect medication from parents at drop off in a socially distanced manner.
- Give parents any information they require by text, email or telephone.

Parents will:

- Comply with government guidance on social distancing for themselves and their children outside of school in order to minimize the risk to the health and well being of other pupils and staff.
- Not bring their child into school if they have any coronavirus symptoms, or are unwell in any way.
- Inform the school in advance if they are not bringing their child to school.
- Ensure the school has up-to-date emergency contact numbers for their child.
- Make contact with the school either via email (school@bearwood.poole.sch.uk) or telephone (01202 590703) and not expect face-to-face meetings.
- Make payments on-line and not use cash.
- Advise the school by telephone, if their child requires medicine to be administered, prior to dropping their child to school in the morning.
- Drop off and collect their children from school at the times allocated to them. If you are dropping off siblings, then please drop off at the early time and collect at the later time of your children's allocated times.
- Follow the clearly marked one-way system round the pedestrianised car park.
- Where possible, come alone, to drop off and collect their child.
- Leave site promptly, not congregating at entrance gates or doors or stopping to chat to other parents.
- Ensure their child only brings the following to school: a packed lunch (if needed) in a clear plastic bag, a named water bottle and reading books.
- Ensure their child comes to school in PE kit on PE days.
- Practice hand hygiene rules at home.
- Discuss the 'pupils will....' section below before pupils come to school.

Pupils will:

- Use anti-bacterial gel to clean their hands on entering the school.
- Tell an adult if they are experiencing symptoms of coronavirus.
- Wash their hands when they arrive at school, before and after they eat, after they have been to the toilet, after sneezing and coughing and whenever an adult tells them to.
- Wash their hands carefully with soap for 20 seconds (2 happy birthdays) and dry thoroughly.
- Stay two metres (3 big steps) away from other children as much as possible.
- Remain in their 'class bubble' unless directed by an adult.
- Not touch other people.
- Try not to touch their mouth, eyes and nose.
- Use a tissue or elbow to cough or sneeze and use bins for tissue waste ('catch it, bin it, kill it').
- Not touch other people's things.
- Only bring their packed lunch, named water bottle and reading books to school.
- Only play with the toys they are told they can.
- Only use the equipment in their smart sack.
- Stay where the teacher tells them to in the playground.
- Listen to the adults and adhere to any instructions given.
- Do not cough, spit at or towards any other person.
- Do not make jokes regarding the coronavirus.

Schools will endeavour to ensure that the school environment is as safe as it can be. Extra measures will be taken to ensure regular hand washing, sanitising, cleaning and social distancing (where possible). Please note that, whilst we will do our utmost to provide a safe environment and follow government guidance, we can only do so to our best endeavours and knowledge of the Covid-19 virus.