



# BEARWOOD Primary and Nursery School

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Dear Parents & Carers,

## Return to School – September 2021

I am delighted to confirm the arrangements for the start of the term as per the Newsletter sent out at the end of the summer term.

Our plans for the new academic year have been made after careful review in line with the latest government guidance. We very much look forward to welcoming all pupils back on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September**. All pupils will resume the 9am - 3.30 pm school day.

Mrs Wall has reported how well the children continued to respond to being dropped off at the gate in the mornings and walking to their classrooms, which has in turn led to a calm start to the day. In consultation with the Governors, we have agreed to continue to trial this from September. During the trial the **car park will remain pedestrianised**, a member of staff will stand on the gate to greet pupils from 8.40 am and pupils may go onto the playground until the classroom doors open at 8.50 am. Please note that there will be a member of staff to supervise the children on the playground from 8.30am. At the end of the school day the children may be collected from outside their classrooms as parents will be able to enter the school premises for the purpose of dropping off and collecting their children. If you need to contact the office, please continue to do so by email or phone and not by entering the school foyer unless by pre-arrangement.

School bags and lunch boxes are allowed in school but not pencil cases or any other personal items that may risk being shared between children. We will also continue with PE kits being worn all day on PE days. This must be a Bearwood or dark coloured t-shirt and dark shorts/joggers not any other type of leisure wear. It is important that the children look smart every day, whether in PE kit or uniform.

We recognise that many of you will still feel anxious about COVID-19. We will continue to follow Public Health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19. We will endeavour to ensure that our school environment is as safe as it can be. Extra measures will continue to be taken to ensure our school observes regular handwashing, sanitising, cleaning and ventilation. Please note that, whilst we will do our utmost to ensure we provide our staff and pupils with a safe environment and follow government guidance, we can only do so to our best endeavours and our working-knowledge of the COVID-19.



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Since the latest government guidance, as with positive cases in any other setting, NHS Test and Trace will work with the positive case and/or their parent to identify close contacts. Contacts from a school setting will only be traced by NHS Test and Trace where the positive case and/or their parent specifically identifies the individual as being a close contact. We would also like to reassure you that we have contingency plans outlining what we would do if children, pupils, students or staff test positive for COVID-19, for example, taking extra measures to help break chains of transmission by reintroducing bubbles for a temporary period. Of course, we would be seeking the Trust and Public Health advice.

Please can we remind you that children should not attend school whilst displaying COVID-19 symptoms – a high temperature, new persistent cough or a change to sense of smell or taste. Please follow the link for full information and what to do if you or child displays symptoms: [Main symptoms of coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus/coronavirus-symptoms/). If you your child should need to isolate at any point, parents will be provided with a high quality remote learning offer.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and look forward to the start of term on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

Yours sincerely  
Headteacher



**Laura Bennett**  
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