

BUSHFIELD ROAD INFANT SCHOOL



Dear Parents/Carers,

Following the prime minister's recent announcement, we are very pleased that we can at last open school to all our pupils from Monday 8th March. We have all been waiting for the time when children can return to their classrooms and once again be allowed to spend time with their friends and teachers and settle back into school routines.

Our priority is for all our children to be happy and safe in school and we will continue to follow the Government guidance to ensure this.

I would like to thank you all for your patience and understanding during this challenging time and also for the resilience you have shown whilst completing the difficult task of home learning with your children. Once back in school, we will be able to assess and plan lessons carefully to meet the needs of all children and to once again have face to face contact with the children to engage them in learning and to ensure they make progress.

Please take time to read the 'Parent's Guide to school opening March 2021' as this will explain all the necessary plans and procedures to ensure a safe return to school.

It is vital that we all continue to play our part, and I ask that you carefully follow the procedures and advice set out in the booklet to minimise risks for everyone.

Despite the optimistic 'Road Map' for the future, schools are required to continue to implement vital protective measures. These include:

- Twice weekly asymptomatic testing by all school staff members using Lateral Flow Devices in order to suppress the virus.
- Parents are required to wear face coverings at all times when entering the school grounds, (unless they are exempt), and should continue to socially distance themselves in order to protect themselves, their families and others within the school community.
- Not allowing children to run around on the playground with friends before drop off and after collection, to prevent any cross contamination across class bubbles.
- Leaving the school grounds promptly once you have dropped off or collected your child/children.

All children will return to their own class with their own teacher on Monday 8th March and they will remain within this 'Bubble' during the school day. Please see below for details of the staggered start and finish times which will remain in place until further notice and will help us to maintain the social distancing measures required to minimise the risk of transmission of the virus.

YEAR GROUP	START TIME	FINISH TIME	ENTRY/COLLECTION
NURSERY	9.00am	3.00pm	NURSERY ENTRANCE
RECEPTION	8.55am	2.55pm	GATES INTO THE COURTYARD
YEAR 1	9.05am	3.05pm	DOOR FROM THE PLAYGROUND
YEAR 2	9.15am	3.15pm	OUTSIDE CLASSROOM DOORS FOR GD & KT/HD

(If you have more than one child in school, please select one of the times and you will be able to drop both children off at the same time.)

School Attendance:

School attendance will once again become mandatory and the usual rules on school attendance will apply from Monday March 8th 2021 including:

- *Parents have a duty to secure their child's regular attendance at school (where the child is a registered pupil at school and they are of compulsory school age.)*
- *The ability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices in line with local authorities' codes of conduct.*

School Website:

For further information and updates, please see the school website www.bushfieldinfants.co.uk

COVID-19 Symptoms/Self- isolation:

Please see Page 6 of the 'Parent's Guide to school opening March 2021' or refer to the Covid-19 Response tab on the school website.

We are looking forward to seeing you all and welcoming you back into school on Monday March 8th.

