

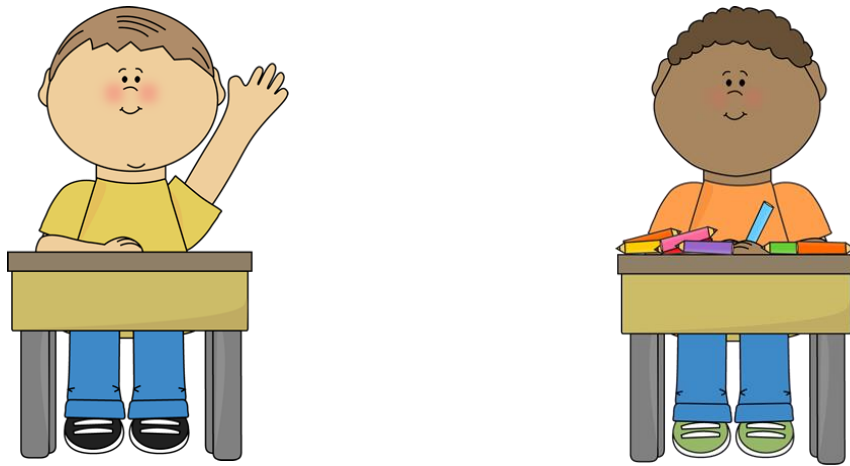


A parent's guide to school opening

Bushfield Road Infant School

March 8th 2021





How will social distancing be maintained?

For younger children, the emphasis will be on separating groups and minimising contact rather than distancing. Children will be kept in their classroom ‘bubble’. Each bubble will have the same 2 – 3 adults for the whole day and these adults will socially distance from the other adults within the school. The ‘bubble’ will always use the same classroom and will have staggered break times and lunch time; they will not mix with children from other bubbles. The playground will be zoned off from another class bubble and children will only play with other children from their own class.

Children will use designated doors to enter and exit their classroom and start and finish times will be staggered for each year group. There will be very limited movement around the school and lunches will be eaten in their own classrooms. There will be no whole school events, such as assemblies or collective worship.

Each child will have a designated table and chair in their classroom bubble. Children will be seated side by side and facing forwards where possible rather than face to face. Cleaning of classrooms and toilets will take place regularly on a rota throughout the day. Movement around the classroom will be kept to a minimum. Children are not expected to socially distance from the other children in their class bubble but we will endeavour to minimise contact and discourage any physical contact. As these children are young there may be occasions where they may make accidental contact with other children in their class bubble.

Lunch time

To minimise risk and to ensure social distancing, lunchtime will take place in the classrooms. Staggered start and finish times have been introduced to minimise the contact between class bubbles both during lunch and at the outdoor playtime. Children will be provided with a 'Lunch bag' (prepared by our own school kitchen) or they can bring a packed lunch (labelled with their name). Lunch bags will include a selection of hot and cold foods. The adults assigned to each class bubble will support the children during lunchtime and tables will be cleaned before, during and after the children have eaten. Hand washing will be an essential part of the lunchtime routine.

What are the access arrangements?

Children in different year groups will arrive and leave at different times of the day using the normal school entrance gate (Reception - 8.55am-2.55pm; Year 1 -9.05am-3.05pm; Year 2 - 9.15am-3.15pm). There will be signs to guide you to the correct doors for entering the classrooms and the doors will be labelled to help you. Year 2 will enter via the outside classroom doors, Reception will enter via the courtyard gate which will be supervised by members of staff and Year 1 will enter via the main door from the playground. Miss Miller's children will use the left door and Mrs Drayton's will use the right door. Staff members will be on the playground to direct you to the correct classrooms.

It is important that families keep to social distancing rules on the playground. We ask that children **do not arrive early** because you must not congregate on the playground or at the school gates. Your child must stay next to you and must avoid contact with children/parents from other classes. Parents need to leave the school grounds as soon as their child has been dropped off or collected. A limit of one adult per family is allowed on the school grounds please. Social distancing measures and a one-way system where this is possible, will be visible within the school grounds and these measures will be reviewed and amended if required. Face to face contact with staff, including the office staff will be limited so if you need to speak to a member of staff, please telephone or email the school and we will respond accordingly.

Face coverings must be worn by adults at all times on the school premises and playground.



Attendance Expectations

It is now vital for all children to return to school and school attendance will therefore be mandatory again from March 8th 2021. This means that from that point the usual rules on school attendance will apply including fixed penalty notices in line with the local authority's code of conduct.

What do children need to bring with them?

Children will need to bring their book bags to school and reading books will be changed at least once a week. Weather permitting children will be participating in outdoor sports and PE so they will need to wear warm PE Kit on their designated PE days.(e.g. jogging bottoms). Children will need to wear their usual school uniform on the other days. Uniforms do not need to be cleaned any more often than usual. Children can bring a school packed lunch in a labelled box if they would prefer this to a cooked meal at lunchtime. Any money, including milk or dinner money should be sent with your child in a sealed and named envelope, and your child will be asked to put it in a designated box within their classroom. Please try to send the correct money, however any change required will be sent home in an envelope at the end of the day. Thank you for your help in this matter.

PE DAYS:

MISS SHARP	MONDAY & WEDNESDAY
MISS BUCCIERI	MONDAY
MISS MILLER	THURSDAY & FRIDAY
MRS DRAYTON	THURSDAY & FRIDAY
MRS DAVIE	MONDAY & THURSDAY
MRS DICKENS/MRS TURNBULL	TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY



What will children be doing in school?

We have been provided with guidelines on what we will allow children to use whilst in school. School routines and classrooms will continue to look and feel very different to start with. Each child will be provided with their own stationery, books and equipment. All soft furnishings will be removed from rooms in addition to toys that cannot be disinfected. Play dough, water play and sand play will not be allowed. Children will still have the opportunity to play and learn using classroom resources and these will be disinfected after use. Children will not share resources or equipment with other class bubbles.

For pupils in Reception classes, teachers will focus on the prime areas of learning, including communication and language, personal, social and emotional development and physical development. Teachers will also assess and address any gaps in language, early reading and mathematics.

For pupils in Year 1 and 2, the identification of any gaps in learning and re-establishing good progress will be a priority especially in the essentials (phonics and reading, writing and mathematics). Children will continue to be taught a full range of subjects over the year, including sciences, humanities, the arts, PE/sport and religious education.

Time will be built into the school day for regular handwashing particularly after coming into school, after sneezing or coughing, before and after handling food or eating, after going to the toilet and before going home. We will encourage children not to touch their mouth, eyes and nose and use a tissue or elbow to cough or sneeze (catch it, bin it, kill it).

What if someone becomes ill?



It will be your responsibility as a parent to make sure your child is well enough to come school. We may check your child's temperature if they say they are feeling unwell or if they look unwell. The government advice is that school staff members do not need to wear face masks, nor do children. However, if a child becomes ill, they will be moved to a ventilated empty room with one member of staff who will wear the appropriate PPE at that time. The child will be sent home and you will be advised to follow the 'Stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection'.

If you or someone at school displays symptoms of coronavirus(COVID-19), you must inform the school immediately. You must engage with the NHS Test and Trace process and get a test. Tests can be ordered on line or you can book a visit to a test site on Gov.uk www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test

A test should be completed within the first 8 days of having symptoms.

The school will take swift action and report any positive tests to the local authority and the local health protection team.

In the event of a positive test, THE CLASS BUBBLE WILL ALL NEED TO SELF-ISOLATE FOR 10 DAYS.



What about home learning?

Where a class, group or small number of pupils need to self-isolate, or if there is a local lockdown, the school will provide remote learning on MS Teams and/or suggestions for activities on our school website. The activities suggested will be related to the learning/curriculum being taught in school. We will provide paper copies for collection on request.

How do I get further information?

For further information and updates, please see the school website:

www.bushfieldinfants.co.uk

We are looking forward to seeing you all on March 8th.

