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Pride, Perseverance, Kindness, Respect

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am so looking forward to welcoming back children in Classes R, 1 and 6 next week.

You may have had a chance to look at the 'Return to School' booklets on our website. If any of your children have completed these before their return, please bring them to school on their first day back if they have any questions. This is optional.

During this week, we have been continuing to care for Key Worker children and the classrooms and other areas at school have been arranged differently to ensure we can welcome as many children back as possible while maintaining an element of social distancing.



Our bubbles are:

**Red** (Year One on Monday and Tuesday, closed Wednesday, Reception Thursday and Friday)

**Orange** (Reception Monday and Tuesday, Key worker children Weds, Thurs and Friday)

**Yellow** (Year One on Monday and Tuesday, Key worker children Weds, Thurs and Friday)

**Green** (Year Six Monday and Tuesday, closed Wednesday, Year Six Thursday and Friday)

**Blue** (Year Two and Three Key workers)

**Indigo** (Year Four and Five Key workers)

**Violet** (Year Six Key workers)

Children will spend their time **only** with the children in their bubble and their members of staff throughout the day. They will have allocated toilets and outdoor spaces. In this way, we can ensure that all our pupils and staff say as safe as possible and that we would only have to close one bubble should anyone become ill.

The information below explains the arrangements for dropping off and collecting your children.

We have to be very careful to ensure that there is space for us all to be able to social distance, something that is difficult with only one entrance to school.

As such, please make sure you arrive **promptly** for the beginning and end of the day and only one adult per family. I am afraid we need to be very clear on this matter to ensure we can keep everyone as safe as we possibly can. Staff are unable to leave their 'bubbles' if anyone is late and there are no additional staff. Sadly, although it is very difficult, we are unable to support by holding children's hands to persuade the more reluctant returners and we cannot allow parents into the school building. We will, of course, be waiting with great big smiles!

We will be asking the majority of parents not to enter past the green fence around the playground at the beginning and end of the day. Please read the information so you are clear about both times and places to bring your children. Please ensure you social distance and keep your child with you at all times. Thank you so much. Please email the office if you have any important messages. Thank you.

Arrival at School	Collection from School
9.15 Children will met by member of staff on KS1 playground and taken into classroom. Please send your children in through the bottom gate and their teacher will meet them.	3.45 A member of staff will bring children to KS1 playground to be met by parents. Please social distance on the playground.
9.00 Please bring your children to the bottom playground gate. There will be a member of staff to meet them at the gate and another member of staff to help them line up on the playground.	3.30 A member of staff will bring children to the KS1 playground to be met by parents. Please social distance on the playground.
8.45 Please bring your children to the bottom playground gate. There will be a member of staff to meet them at the gate and another member of staff to help them line up on the playground.	3.15 A member of staff will bring the children to the KS1 playground to be met by parents. Please social distance on the playground.
8.45 Children should please keep to the path on the right and walk through the car park, There will be a member of staff waiting to direct them to the classroom.	3.15 Children will be led out to the car park by a member of staff. They can either walk home independently or meet an adult. Children will keep to the right of the car park. Parents please wait by the entry gates and keep to side farthest away from school.
9.00 – Please bring children to the main entrance gate (with the keypad) A member of staff will be waiting and they will line up in this area. Children will then be taken around the outside of school to their classroom.	3.30 Parents please come to the main entrance outdoor space. Children will be dismissed through the main entrance door. Please social distance.
9.00 Children should please keep to the path on the right and walk through the car park, There will be a member of staff waiting to direct them to the classroom.	3.30 Children will be led out to the car park by a member of staff. They will keep to the right of the car park. Parents please wait by the entry gates and keep to the side farthest away from school. Please social distance.
8.45 Children please come to the main gate (with keypad) A member of staff will meet them at the computer room entrance.	3.15 Children will be dismissed from the computer room door. They can then walk home independently or meet an adult opposite the gate. Please social distance.

Children should wear non-uniform that they can do PE lessons in comfortably. If shoelaces are worn, please ensure they can be fastened independently.

Children should bring one bag only that should contain an already filled bottle of water, sun cream that they could apply themselves, a sun hat and a piece of fruit for a snack. The school kitchen will be open for dinners **every day apart from Wednesday**, but should they wish to have a packed lunch this will also need to fit in their bag. Please do not bring anything else from home (unless they wish to bring back to school booklet on their first day only.) Pens, pencils etc. for sole use by each child will be provided.

Due to social distancing, we will not be able to administer any medicines.

Please note that scooters and bikes will not be able to be left at school during the day as advised from risk assessments.

If facial mask are worn by children on their journey to school, please remove these at the gate as advised from risk assessments.

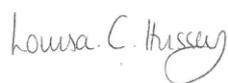
Please send packed lunch items that your child can open independently. It may be a good idea to practise opening yogurts, crisp packets and similar.

As you can see, staff will be working at school supporting our key worker and returning children. This means that although we will of course continue to set work for home, as I have mentioned before this is likely to change as staff have many more commitments at school. I understand how disappointing this may be, however you can see that we do have a big change in how we have to adapt to this unprecedented time.

As a parent myself, I very much appreciate how much harder this will be getting for everyone the longer this goes on. Many of my staff are parents and we all agree it is far easier to teach a class than to help your own child at home. As I have said before, we all know that some of you will be feeling more and more overwhelmed with supporting your child and balancing possible work commitments. Our advice remains the same, in that whatever you are managing to do is absolutely fine. We are providing home school grids in an effort to support you in home schooling your child, but there is no expectation from us for you to complete these activities. Please do not put too much pressure on yourselves as parents to provide a full curriculum when you are continuing to juggle working at home, managing the care and support of elderly family and neighbours and often going out to work on the front line (which is greatly appreciated). Little and often is the best way, children have short attention spans (unless they are in front of their games console or TV!) and keeping them busy with varying activities will hopefully help.

Thank you, as always, for your support. The Cropwell Bishop Community really has been amazing during this time and it continues to be an absolute pleasure to be part of it in some small way.

Keep safe and take care



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