



# ST BEDE'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we have now received confirmation from all parents in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 we are able to share our plans with you.

We have been working to ready the school for your children's return. We have submitted Risk Assessments for the Building and Workspaces to the Local Authority Health and Safety department and we will share these with our governors on Thursday.

**PLEASE NOTE** – Plans could be subject to change as a result of updated local and national guidance/advice; and these plans have not yet received approval from our Governors.

## Groupings

Each child will be placed in a group of up to 15 children with 1-2 adults. A risk assessment of the school building and class sizes has highlighted that we can only fit a maximum of 15 children in some workspaces (Y6 classroom and Upstairs Hall) but in most workspaces the maximum is 9 children to accommodate the 2-metre social distance.

Children will be grouped sensitively by their own class teacher, taking friendships and needs into account wherever possible. In some cases, your child may not be taught by their usual teacher. Their group will be based in one classroom, in which they will undertake all activities and will not mix with any other children within the school. They will have some time during the day outside in a clearly defined area. Playtimes will be staggered, with groups playing in separate zones.

## Lunches

The school kitchen will continue to provide school dinners. These will be in a packed lunch format and they will be delivered to the classroom, where the children will eat them at their desk. Lunchtimes will be staggered across the school and the children will go outside to play within their group in separate demarcated zones. There will be limited use of play equipment allowed, which will be used only by their group and wiped down after every session. School meals will be free for those children attending school.

## Drop off/pick up

Only staff and children will be allowed into the school building. The government guidance is that only **one adult** should arrive at the school gate.

	Days	Entrance/Exit	Start Times	Finish Times
Reception Bubble	Thurs/Fri	Reception Door	9.00-9.10	2.50
Year 1 Bubbles	Mon/Tues/Wed	Main Entrance	9.00-9.10	2.50
Year 6 Bubble	Mon-Thurs	Back door (Far)	8.50-9.00	3.00
EYFS/Y1 Hub	Mon-Fri	Nursery door	8.40-8.50	2.30/ 3.15
Y2-5 Hub	Mon-Fri	Back door (Near)	8.40-8.50	2.30/ 3.15

If a parent has siblings in multiple year groups (who are attending school on the same day), please drop off and pick up in line with the youngest sibling's times. Siblings in other year groups are not permitted to come to school (unless key worker children).

All children must be collected by an adult.

Unfortunately, we cannot allow bikes and scooters on site at the present time.





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It is expected that the children will be in school for the whole day, as we cannot facilitate split sessions.

Please ensure that protocols are followed regarding social distancing when dropping off and collecting your child from the designated area.

Any communication with the school must be by either telephone or email. Teachers will be unable to take messages at the gate and no face-to-face appointments are available at this time.

## Wrap Around Care

All extra-curricular clubs are cancelled until further notice.

## Infection Protection and Control

Any child with symptoms of Covid-19, or living with someone who is displaying symptoms of the virus, **must not attend school**.

Extra soap and hand sanitiser are now available in school in preparation for the re-opening of the school. Children will sanitise their hands, in accordance with Government guidance, on their entry into the school and will wash their hands frequently during the day.

The Government protocol of 'catch it, bin it, kill it' will be followed rigorously and hands washed after any coughs and sneezes.

Frequently touched surfaces around the school, e.g. door handles, taps, desks will be cleaned frequently throughout the day.

## In order to minimise physical contact:

- Classrooms will be remodelled to allow for as much distance as possible between desks
- Markings will be placed around the school to assist with social distancing.
- One-way systems will be in place for movement in and out of the school premises.
- The day will be arranged to ensure minimal movement during the day.
- Internal and external doors and windows will be kept open where possible to ensure maximum ventilation.
- PPE equipment will be available for staff use in certain circumstances e.g. administering first aid or caring for a child who develops virus symptoms.
- If a child does present with symptoms of Covid-19, they will be isolated and parents will be contacted to come and collect them immediately. Children are eligible for Covid-19 testing. A positive test result will mean that all of their group (children and adults) will need to self-isolate for fourteen days.

## Curriculum and Education/Childcare

The National Curriculum continues to be suspended and we are therefore providing more childcare activities, than curriculum focused.

Whilst children are in school, staff will use their professional judgement to balance learning and wellbeing. The children will revisit basic skills in English and Maths and the younger children will have some daily sessions in revisiting phonics and early maths. The day will also focus on some well-being activities as well as PE that can be taught where social distancing measures are still in place. We are also aiming for some outdoor learning activities each day.

Reception children will continue to work towards the seven stages of development outlined in the EYFS curriculum, however this will be within the stringent confines of unavoidable health and safety measures. Many resources will be unavailable, as they are unable to be cleaned regularly.

Year 6 children, whether at home or at school, will start to prepare for their transition to secondary school with some bridging activities as well as preparing for some leavers' celebrations.





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## Uniform

Children will not be expected to wear their school uniform. Children are asked to come into school wearing older and sensible clothes that are practical for all activities including sport and being outside. Please can you ensure that children wear clean clothes each day and we recommend that children's daily clothing is washed immediately upon returning home.

## What your child will need to bring

Children **must** bring a coat to school each day as they will be outside learning activities each day. The children will not be using the cloakrooms and will keep their coat on their chair in the classroom. Please do not send your child in to school with anything else, **including bags**.

## Administration of Medicines

If your child requires any form of medication (other than those on medical plans with inhalers/epi-pens already in school) please contact the school office to arrange hand over of medicines and to complete the documentation.

## Home Learning and Communication

I am aware of the extraordinary efforts that you have made in educating your children at home. Staff will continue to prepare home learning for the children in year groups 2, 3, 4 and 5 and for children who stay at home. I am extremely grateful to our staff, who have worked to provide meaningful and manageable tasks for them to do at home, being mindful of parental work expectations and family commitments.

We have measures in place for children continuing with home learning and this will mirror some of the work taking place in school.

Our school will not be the environment that your children are used to, but be assured that we will do all we can, in spite of the restraints, to make it a pleasant learning environment.

We have added some photographs on Facebook, which you could share with your children and prepare them for their return to school by explaining what will happen and why. This may help to alleviate some anxiety. Wellbeing will be the focus of much of the work we do with the children.

Please note that although the Government advice is that children should return to school, there will be no penalties given for parents who choose to keep their children at home.

We understand that this is a very difficult decision for you to make and we will respect and support you either way.

Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.  
Stay safe,

Mrs Rooney and the staff and governors of St Bede's





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