

Brereton CE Primary School

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September Opening

Dear Parents,

Following the government's announcement that all pupils will return to school in September, I am writing to explain the measures and procedures that will be in place.

Attendance:

Pupils are expected to be back in school, full time. The government have stipulated that attendance is mandatory. Please do contact us before the summer holidays if you have any specific circumstances which may prevent your child from returning to school as expected. Our children return to school on Thursday 3rd September.

Track and Trace:

It is important that parents continue to follow Government guidance. If a child is displaying symptoms of coronavirus, they must not come to school. If a child becomes unwell at school, they must be collected immediately.

All children can be tested and anyone displaying symptoms should be tested. Tests can be booked on-line through the NHS testing and tracing for coronavirus website.

Parents should inform school immediately of the results.

Bubbles:

Our bubble system will continue but now each year group will be a bubble. This is designed to limit the number of people staff and children come into contact with.

Children will stay in bubbles throughout the school day and we will endeavour to keep the same adults with each bubble. Large gatherings will not be permitted, so whole school assemblies will not take place initially. Teachers and teaching assistants will try to remain with one bubble, but are permitted to teach in other groups if needed. We will operate staggered breaks and lunchtimes to minimise contact between bubbles.



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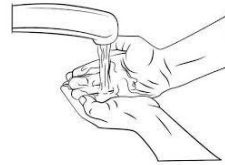
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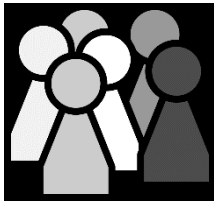
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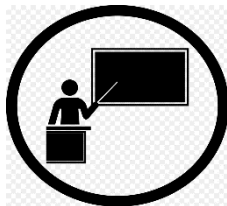


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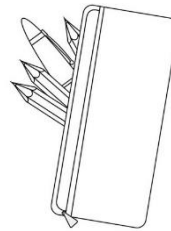


Children will be in year group bubbles.

There is hand sanitiser is every classroom and at every entrance and exit.



Staff will stay with their group of children, as much as possible.



Children will have their own resources as much as possible.



We have implemented a thorough cleaning schedule.



There are staggered start times, break times and lunch times.



Staff have completed extensive training.



We have put signs, posters and markers all around school.



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Cleaning:

We have reviewed our cleaning schedule and ensured there will be opportunities for cleaning throughout the day, as well as regular deep cleans. Every classroom will be provided with necessary cleaning equipment so staff can clean surfaces regularly throughout the day.

A member of staff will be available during the day to clean door handles, toilets, sinks and other areas which may experience high usage.

Any shared resources (scissors, glue, lpads etc) will be wiped before and after use.

Any equipment which cannot be cleaned thoroughly has been put away.

Handwashing and hygiene:

Children and staff will need to wash their hands, with soap, for 20 seconds regularly throughout the day. Paper towels will be provided to dry hands and the bins will be emptied regularly.

We will recommend that children wash their hands when:

- they arrive
- when they go to the toilet
- before they eat
- after they come back inside
- when they cough or sneeze on their hands



Hand sanitiser is to be used in between and this can be found in every classroom and corridor.

Small, lidded bins have been provided in each classroom for used tissues and we will be promoting the NHS message, 'catch it, bin it, kill it.'

Drop off and pick up:

Drop off will be similar to how it was last September. Gates and doors will open at 8:35am and close at 8:50am. Children in Reception will enter through their outdoor area; children in KS1 will enter through the KS1 corridor door (opposite current Y2) and pupils in KS2 can enter through the KS2 corridor door (opposite the Mrs Sant's office) or the KS2 fire door (between current Y3 and Y5).

Pick up time has been altered to match this system. You will be able to pick your child/children up between 3:05 and 3:20pm.

Year Group	Pick Up Location
Reception	EYFS outdoor area (gate near the ramp)
Y1	EYFS outdoor area (gate near pre-school)
Y2	Y2 fire exit door (opposite the hall)
Y3	Artificial grass opposite School House
Y4,5,6	Grass at the front of school



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There will be in a one-way system in operation with social distancing markers on the ground to support parents and children. Parents must enter through the gate on Newcastle Road South and exit on to School Lane.

Parents are encouraged to leave site and return home immediately.

The blue side gate and the large gate by pre-school will continue to staffed during drop-off and pick-up times.

Before and After School Care:

Brereton Bears will be open and will be based in the school hall. Each year group will have their own mat and table to work/play on. We will endeavour to use the outdoor space as much as possible, as the risk of transmission is lower outside.

In order to staff the provision accordingly, booking will be essential. Booking forms will be sent out before the end of term and they will also be uploaded to the school website.

Uniform:

Children should wear full school uniform on their return to school.

We ask that children wear their PE kit on the days that they have PE (timetables will be confirmed in September) so every child will need a correct sports kit and appropriate trainers/pumps.

Equipment:

Every child will be provided with an A5 zippy bag containing a pencil, a sharpener, a rubber, a ruler and a set of colouring pencils. Staff will encourage the children to keep these in their trays or lockers when they are not using them.

Any shared resources, such as paint brushes, iPads etc, will be cleaned before and after use using anti-bacterial spray or wipes or left for 72 hours.

It is recommended that pupils limit the amount of equipment they bring to school each day. Therefore, children should only bring their reading book, reading diary, water bottle, snack and packed lunch. No toys, games or pencil cases will be allowed in school.

Coats and bags will be stored in lockers (Y1-6). We will not be using the coat pegs, so it is essential that everything fits in a locker. We have had to repair a number of locker hinges as there has often been too much crammed inside.

Lunches:

Year Group	Time	Location
Reception	Midday	Classroom
Year 6 and Year 3	11:50am – 12:10 pm	Hall
Year 5 and Year 4	12:10pm – 12:30pm	Hall
Year 1 and Year 2	12:30pm – 1:00 pm	Hall

Hot lunches will be offered again in September.

Reception will have a nursery approach to lunch times and eat in their classroom to begin with.



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Two year groups will be in the hall at a time. They will sit separately and not mix. Windows will be open. They will then have twenty minutes outside but bubbles will be kept in place.

We have reduced lunch time in order to accommodate the earlier collection window at the end of the day. This will ensure no learning time is lost.

Curriculum:

We will continue to offer a broad and balanced curriculum, with all subjects being offered fully by the summer term.

Our initial focus in September, will be to 'build up' children's knowledge and skills so they can engage fully in their year groups curriculum. Staff will assess where the gaps are in children's knowledge and plan accordingly.

Government guidance currently states that schools can resume educational visits. These may be limited during the Autumn term. The government is currently advising against overnight, residential visits. We will advise you if and when this changes.

New Reception Pupils:

Reception children starting school Children starting in Reception have not had the opportunity to experience the usual transition days, and have not spent as much time in pre-school as they usually would prior to starting school. Therefore, Reception children will be invited into school during the inset days (1st and 2nd September) to see their new classroom and spend time with their new teachers. They will then attend part-time until 14th September.

Questions:

If there is anything you want to ask us please do get in touch.

Each class will be posting an on-line presentation in September, detailing arrangements for the academic year. As large gatherings are not permitted, these will be instead of the 'Meet the Teacher' meetings.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs McLean



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