



Broadwood Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

The Government have announced schools will reopen to **all** children on Monday 8th March. We are extremely excited to be welcoming all of our children back to school.

Attendance

School attendance is mandatory for all children, except in circumstances where children are shielding, isolating or poorly. Remote education will continue for children who are shielding or isolating as it is essential children continue their learning at home. It is important you continue to follow our attendance rules and inform school immediately if your child is to be absent.

We appreciate families may be anxious about children returning to school after such a long absence, however, we have been in this position before and after a 5-month absence for many children last year, we then had a very successful Autumn term in school.

Measures in place

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you that we are putting stricter measures in place as safety for all is our key priority. These measures will be:

- Years 5 and 6 will have the same teacher all day and therefore movement will be minimised. Your child will be informed on seesaw who their teacher will be; children are familiar with all of our upper key stage 2 teachers.
- Bubbles across school will be individual classes, although Early Years children will remain as a unit. We will be keeping classes separate for playtimes and dinnertimes.
- Staff who cover teachers across the school will teach in fewer classes.
- We have always been very strict with handwashing and encouraging everybody to keep their distance and this will obviously continue, although we do appreciate some children/year groups find this more challenging than others.

Start and end of day routines

Our gates will be open from 8:40 until 9:00am for children to arrive anytime within this 20-minute timescale. Gates will open at 9:05 for Early Years children.

We have slightly changed our times and systems at the end of the day to try and reduce the number of families on Broadwood Road. The finishing times from 8th March are as follows:

EYFS - leave at 2:50pm. One parent/carer for each child to come through the main gate (playground), pick up your child on site and use a one-way system directing you out through the car park gates. Please wear a mask! Children will finish 2:30pm on Fridays.





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Year 1 – leave at 3:00pm. One parent/carer for each child to come through the main gate (playground), pick up your child on site and use a one-way system directing you out through the car park gates. Please wear a mask! Children will finish 2:20pm on Fridays.

Year 2 - leave at 3:05pm. Children will leave from the Reception gate and parents/carers to line up on Broadwood Road. Children will finish 2:15pm on Fridays.

Year 3 – leave at 3:10pm. Children will leave from the main gate (playground) and parents/carers to line up on Broadwood Road. Children will finish 2:10pm on Fridays.

Year 4 - leave at 2:55pm. Children will leave from the Reception gate and parents/carers to line up on Broadwood Road. Children will finish 2:25pm on Fridays.

Years 5 – leave at 3:15pm. Children will leave from the main gate (playground) and parents/carers to line up on Broadwood Road. Children will finish 2:00pm on Fridays.

Years 6 – leave at 3:15pm. Children will leave from the Reception gate and parents/carers to line up on Broadwood Road. Children will finish 2:00pm on Fridays.

We hope this will reduce the amount of people on Broadwood Road. If you have more than one child, can we ask that you arrive at the latest pick up time. Staff will look after your children until you arrive. Our Friday after school clubs will resume immediately so please look out for the school text asking if your child is interested in attending these clubs.

Parent/Carer support

As a school, we are trying our very best to keep everybody safe, however; this also relies on the support from parents/carers. Therefore, can we please remind you:

- Only 1 adult comes to school to drop off and pick up. If you do have other members of your household, can they please wait at the end of Broadwood Road.
- Can we advise that you all wear masks and if you are collecting Early Years or Year 1 children, you **MUST** wear a mask on school premises.
- Socially distance when on Broadwood Road.
- Be **on time** when collecting the children.
- Do not gather in groups outside of school.
- Contact members of staff by phone or email rather than approach them outside. They will not be able to talk with you directly outside.

Uniform

It is expected that children will be in full school uniform. They can come to school in PE kit on the days they have PE. It is important school is fully ventilated so if it cold outside and your child wants to wear layers of clothing underneath their school jumpers, that is absolutely fine.





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Breakfast Club

Breakfast club will remain open for children of working parents and vulnerable children.

Finally....

I am extremely proud of our amazing children for everything they have achieved during a very difficult year and I am delighted they will be reunited with their friends and staff members once again. I would also like to say a huge 'thank you' to our entire school community for working together through these extremely challenging times.

We look forward to seeing you all in person next week. If you need to speak with a member of staff please contact the school office.

Stay safe!

Mrs Mitcheson

