



Bishop Carpenter C E Primary School

A member of the Warriner Multi Academy Trust

15th July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As confirmed in my parent mail on Friday, we will be open for all pupils' full-time education from 2nd September 2020. We have been welcoming pupils in different year groups back to school since June. We approached this with great caution, reviewing all the scientific advice and government guidance to ensure that we could be as safe as possible. This has gone extremely well, due to our safety measures and risk assessments being robust. Thank you for your support in this process.

The Government has stated: *'Given the improved position, the balance of risk is now overwhelmingly in favour of children returning to school. For the vast majority of children, the benefits of being back in school far outweigh the very low risk from coronavirus (COVID-19)'*

I am delighted that we can now look forward to seeing all our children back in September. Risk assessments are being finalised and the finished version will be published in the last week of the summer holiday; this will allow me to include any further changes and guidance during the summer holidays.

We are working hard to consider how we group pupils together, ensure that we reduce contact between different groups of pupils, keep the stringent cleaning and disinfecting processes we already have in place, all to ensure that our school is as safe as can be for your child and everyone in our school community.

In preparation, there are some key points that you need to be aware of to ensure that your child is safe and to support the smooth operation of school:

1. You must continue to ensure that if anyone in your household has COVID-19 symptoms, your child does NOT attend school. Any child or staff member who develops symptoms in the school day will be sent home immediately. If anyone in your household, including your child, tests positive for COVID-19 you MUST inform school.
2. Attendance at school will be compulsory. The government had relaxed the rules on



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attendance during lockdown. However, this will change in September. The government guidance says: *'Missing out on more time in the classroom risks pupils falling further behind. Those with higher overall absence tend to achieve less well in both primary and secondary school. School attendance will therefore be mandatory again from the beginning of the autumn term.'*

3. For the continued safety and protection of everyone, you must cooperate with the Government's 'track and trace' system.
4. Pupils and staff will not be wearing face coverings in school. The government advice is quite clear that this is not necessary. If face coverings are used for travelling to school then they must be removed and disposed of once entering the building.
5. Staff will wear PPE when dealing with First Aid, intimate care or sickness as appropriate.
6. Your child will be expected to follow strict behaviour rules relating to physical contact with other pupils and staff, and keeping their hands clean. Pupils will be expected to wash their hands regularly, and/or use hand sanitiser. We have sanitiser readily available at school, as well as soap dispensers, so there will be no need or requirement for you to provide them with their own.
7. For the first week, we request that you provide a packed lunch for your child. Packed lunches from 'The School Lunch Company' can then be ordered, by the Tuesday before, for the week beginning 7th September by Parentpay. We will review the hot meal provision in September. Families entitled to free school meals (not KS1 universal school free meals) will be given a voucher to cover the very first week of school. Children should ensure they bring a water bottle to school with them every day.
8. Children may bring their book bag with them (including year 5) which they will use to bring their reading books back and forth but they should not bring any personal items / trinkets please. Year 6 have always been allowed to have a rucksack/different bag if preferred and this can continue but it must not be too big. We have limited storage space in the cloakroom areas and wish to avoid overcrowding these spaces.
9. Each child will be provided with a set of equipment; please do not send pencil cases into school.
10. The children will be taught in their class bubbles. During lunch and break time, class 1 and 2 will combine as an extended bubble and class 3 and 4 will do the same in a separate time slot. This will be the only time they will be combined.
11. Children are expected to wear school uniform except on PE days when they should wear their smart, school PE kit to and from school. You will be advised of the PE days on Wednesday 2nd September.
12. We will be operating breakfast club from Wednesday 2nd September. The timing of breakfast club has been extended; doors open at 7.50am and it will run until 8.30am. Breakfast club will be organised into two extended bubbles as per break and lunchtime arrangements. Children from class 1 and 2 will go down to class at 8.30am the same as classes 3 and 4. Please book your breakfast club slot by Thursday 27th August via Parentpay.

13. I will be reviewing after school clubs and make a decision on their starting point in the new term. We are happy to work with Dashwood after school club, please let us know the arrangements you have in place.
14. In terms of communicating messages it is no longer possible for you to call in at the office window and our preferred method of passing on messages is via email (office.3302@bishop-carpenter.oxon.sch.uk or to teachers directly). There will be a 'messages sheet' available in the quiet area which can then be put in the letterbox on the side of the entrance area to school. Parents or any other adult must not enter the classrooms or school building.
15. We will resume swimming lessons after October half term if we are satisfied that all safety measures have been adhered to.

We understand that some of you and your children may be anxious about returning to school, particularly those of you who we have not seen, in person, since March. Please be assured that we have followed all guidance and are taking careful measures to ensure we are all as safe as possible. As always we will be providing emotional and wellbeing support for all children and we will also be supporting learning alongside this. You have done an exceptional job in promoting home learning and we thank you for that. We are also very much aware that learning will still have been lost and our focus in the new term is to remedy that alongside boosting confidence.

Your children deserve a great and safe education and we will continue to do everything in our powers not to let them down. Thank you, on behalf of us all, for your continued support.

I hope you have a lovely summer and at last I can say, see you ALL in September!

Mrs Stevenson

Term begins for all pupils on Wednesday 2nd September 2020

Timings:

Please do try to keep to timings and avoid arriving too early or late. KS 1 families have priority use of the car park, please do ensure you are mindful of social distancing when moving in and out of your car and be courteous of residents when parking in the village. If your children have different start and finish times then please ensure you wait in the appropriate place.

Year group	Drop off	Pick Up	
Class 1 Reception *	8.45am	2.55pm	Entry and exit via C1 door onto playground
Class 2 Year 1 and 2	8.45am	2.55pm	Entry and exit via first tall gate to KS1 outside area. No parents past the tall gate

Class 3 Year 3 and 4 (they have swapped classrooms- they are now in the old classroom 4)	8.35am	3.00pm	Entry via front doors, exit via front doors
Class 4 Year 5 and 6 (they have swapped classrooms- they are now in the old classroom 3)	8.35am	3.00pm	Entry via front doors, exit via BACK gate (where the defibrillator is located)

- * There will be a phased start for our new Reception class on Weds 2nd and Thurs 3rd September – AM in two different groups (details to be sent separately)

Staffing 2020-21

	Teacher
Reception Class 1	Mrs Belleguelle, Mrs Lyons, Mrs Stevenson
Year 1 and 2 Class 2	Miss Timms, Mrs Howarth, Ms White (ITT until Christmas 2020)
Year 3 and 4 Class 3	Mrs Brine, Mrs Peverill, Mrs Deane
Year 5 and 6 Class 4	Mrs Cooley, Mrs Carr

'There are only two lasting bequests we can hope to give our children. One of these is roots, the other, wings.'