

Hello

I hope you are all well.

The summer holiday always does pass very quickly and of course various restrictions this year may have meant that you have not been able to enjoy your usual activities. However, I do hope that you have found time to be able to enjoy some adventures and of course quality time together.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming our whole Bishop Carpenter family back to school from Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September and in particular those who we have not seen in person since March. The government assures us that it is safe to reopen fully and the expectation is that we do so straightaway with several recommendations. As before, we have taken on board the guidelines and implemented them into our plan that ensures a safe and smooth return for all.

I understand that, as adults, you may well be feeling anxious about your child returning and all I can ask is that you follow these 3 points:

- Read through the information, especially the letter that was sent in July carefully (also attached)
- Try not to pass on your own anxiety to your child
- Have faith in us and ask **us** questions if you are unsure

Returning to school is high profile in the media at the moment and I believe there are a number of articles that are unhelpful to both yourselves and us in school. The DFE (Department for Education) have been sending updates throughout the summer and this has informed our planning but there are no drastic changes to the information that I sent out in July. I would like to highlight a few things though:

- Lunchboxes will be allowed into school and they will be stored in the classroom. Obviously, they must be taken home and wiped thoroughly every day.
- Face masks will not be enforced in primary school for staff or students. PPE will be worn by staff in the event of first aid, hygienic cleaning and supervising children who are isolated due to COVID19 symptoms.
- Operational procedures are very different in Primary compared to Secondary.
- Full, correct uniform is expected and you will be informed of PE days when PE kit will be worn to school.
- Children will be provided with pens, pencils etc and must not bring pencil cases to school
- There will be no access to the school building for parents / adults dropping off or picking up
- Attendance is mandatory.

I would also like to draw your attention to the changes to the quarantine rules and ask that you check if your summer holiday destination has been affected. If you have been to any of the affected countries, you must ensure you and your family quarantine for a full two weeks. If this impacts your son or daughter's return to school please email the office on [office.3302@bishop-carpenter.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.3302@bishop-carpenter.oxon.sch.uk) or call us on Tuesday. (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-travel-corridors>)

If you or anyone in your household display any of the COVID19 symptoms, they and you must not attend school and a test should be taken. A full risk assessment is now on the website with information on the isolation guidance. Where symptoms are presented in school, we will take calm, immediate action and expect you to organise collection of your child as soon as possible.

Our focus this term is to ensure a smooth return for all of our children, this will be achieved in an organised and calm manner with structure and usual curriculum subjects including English, Phonics, Reading, Maths, PE etc. Behaviour expectations remain high and indeed particularly in relation to keeping safe, being kind and respecting each other; consequences will continue to apply where appropriate. Understandably, you may have worries regarding some 'gaps in learning' and our intention is to identify these bespoke and accurately and then build our planning with this in mind.

I will be continuing with the weekly newsletter for the time being so do look out for that on a Friday. Please follow the procedures for communicating with us as outlined in the July letter, there will be communication sheets in the new box above the letterbox.

Below is a link to a video that I have made that might help the children on their return.

I very much look forward to seeing you from Wednesday, please do get in touch if you require any further information.

Best wishes

Mrs Stevenson

You tube link

<https://youtu.be/HrsOwqh-vGw>