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Welcome back to Bretforton Village School

Friday 26th February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted to say that, following on from Monday's announcement, Bretforton Village School will be open to all children from Monday 8th March. I know you will be as pleased as we are that we are able to welcome all the children back into school then and wanted to share as much information as I can so that you are prepared for the return.

As I am sure you can appreciate, we are eager to welcome all the children back to school but are also mindful of safety concerns and the implications of social distancing for adults when they come to our school. Above all else, the safety of your child is our prime concern and risk assessments have been carried out to ensure that we will be operating as safely as possible. Before I remind you of our procedures, a few guidelines –

- One adult per family should bring children to school to minimise crowding.
- Children MUST be supervised when they arrive – do not unload children at the kerb and leave them to enter school unsupervised, even if they are late.
- A one-way system will be in place around school – please do not attempt to go against the flow of the system.

Arrangements for dropping children off

The main green gate will be opened at 8.40am and will stay open until 9.00am. Children will not be late, as long as they are in school by 9.00am.

Please ensure that your child is fully supervised on arrival and not running around. Follow the route around school that was in use up to Christmas.

Polar Bears (Years 4 and 5) will enter school through their usual entrance next to the green gate.

Dolphins (Year 2 and 3) will enter using their usual cloakroom door.

Tigers (Reception and Year 1) will enter through the classroom door which is accessed from the outdoor area.

Please help us by not letting children enter using the wrong door.

Once you have dropped your children off, you will exit the school using the side gate onto School Lane.

Arrangements for collection of children

Arrangements are unchanged from those before Christmas. The main green gate will be opened at 3.00pm. The collection locations are slightly different to the drop off locations, in order to make things flow more easily.





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Dolphins (Year 2 and 3) will be released to parents from their usual classroom exit door.
Tigers (Reception and Year 1) will be released from the classroom door, as in the morning.
Polar Bears (Year 4 and 5) will be released from their rear classroom door, which is near the side gate that exits onto School Lane.

If there are other adults who sometimes collect your child from school, in addition to our expectation that you inform us when this is going to happen, please can you ensure that they understand how collection arrangements have changed.

Remote Learning and Zoom sessions

Remote Learning will stop on Friday 5th March and will only be provided in the event of a closure of the school due to a Covid outbreak. The Zoom sessions will also stop on the same day.

Office arrangements

Unfortunately, the office will still not be regularly staffed until after the Easter holiday. Where possible, please avoid using the reception area and contact school by email.

School Meals

Hot school meals will be available from Monday 8th March. These need to be booked and paid for (where appropriate) in advance using ParentPay by NO LATER THAN Wednesday 3rd March. There will be no spare meals available so if you do not book a meal, you must provide a packed lunch for your child.

Forest School

Forest School sessions for Dolphin class will begin on Tuesday 9th March.
Tiger class will have their first session on Friday 12th March.
Please make sure your child has their Forest School kit in school on those days.
Polar Bear class will resume Forest School after the Easter break.

Swimming

As the Leisure Centre will not reopen until after the Easter break, there will be no swimming lessons until then.

Arrangements within school

Unfortunately, we will be unable to open our Celebration Assemblies to parents but we will continue to issue certificates to children to celebrate their successes in school.

For the time being, after-school childcare club will be the only provision outside of school hours. This runs from 3.00pm to 4.30pm Monday to Thursday, starting from Monday 8th March at a cost of £4 per session. This can be booked using ParentPay but, for staffing reasons, this MUST be done no later than 10.00am each day.





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Collecting children from after-school club

If you are collecting a child from after-school club, please use the reception area to ring the bell. Please note – you will not be allowed to enter the main building. If someone is already waiting in the reception area, please wait outside until they have collected their child.

I hope this letter provides all the information you need, but if you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me. We look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 8th March.

Warm regards

Kevin Riley
Head of School

