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Dear Parents and Carers

Arrangements for Welcoming Children Back to Blewbury - March 2021

We would like to outline our plans for reopening the school in full, from Monday 8 March.

Over the last week, following the publication of the latest government guidance, we have updated our COVID – 19 risk assessment. This risk assessment has been shared with staff, governors and ODST and has been agreed. This will be available on our new website which will launched soon – more information to follow.

We are confident that the decisions we have made balance pupil and staff safety and our pupils right to a full and balanced education. In the table below you will find a summary of the decisions and actions we are taking:

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| <p>Steps to ensure bubbles remain intact</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gates will open at 8:40am to allow each family to maintain social distancing at drop off and pick up between different families and between staff and families. See timings at the end of this letter. • Lunches will be staggered to ensure the lunch hall is not crowded and bubbles do not mix. • Breaktimes and lunchtimes will take place within each class bubble and the playground will be zoned to ensure each bubble has a space to play. • Equipment and resources will not be shared between bubbles. • Each bubble has their own toilet facilities. • Staff can work across bubbles, but we will aim to keep this to a minimum. |
| <p>Steps to reduce transmission within each bubble</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Desks face forwards rather than in groups where possible • All rooms will be well ventilated. • Outdoor learning will take place for each class every week. • Older children are encouraged to social distance, both between peers and with staff. • Staff are using Lateral Flow Tests twice-weekly to ensure they are safe to come to work. • Personal hygiene is a priority- children wash hands often and use the ‘catch it, bin it, kill it’ approach. Children have access to hand sanitiser throughout the day and will be encouraged to do this regularly. • Touch points are cleaned regularly throughout the day. • End of day cleaning processes have been enhanced. Each class has a cleaning kit for cleaning throughout the day. • Face masks will be worn by staff when they are moving around the building or when they cannot maintain social distance. <p>Parents are reminded not to bring their child to school if they or a member of their household is experiencing symptoms. Please follow the guidance https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/</p> |



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| <p>Steps to ensure my child has access to a full and balanced curriculum</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The priority for the first few weeks following lockdown will be to ensure that learning is focussed on settling back into school, re-establishing how to be a learner at school, reminding children of the school rules; revisiting work completed during Remote Learning and celebrating achievements, re- establishing class friendships, and ultimately feeling safe and secure in the school environment and with new systems/routines. • All members of our learning community are expected to follow these rules: Be kind, be respectful, be safe. The children will have an opportunity to discuss these in their classes, so they understand the expectations and how they will be supported to achieve these. • The second focus will be on assessing the children to establish where there are gaps in knowledge and understanding and to plan to address these gaps. Teachers will gather assessments based on quizzes, observations and standardised tests. To address these gaps- in class support, catch up programmes, and small group work will be implemented sometimes through specific interventions. |
| <p>How will my child feel a sense of belonging when they are kept in separate bubbles?</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our children will wear school uniform as usual. This will give the children a greater sense of unity and belonging. • There will be a whole school collective theme based on achieving our personal best, working together and developing resilience – this will be linked to a gardening project. Each class will have a section of the garden to develop and improve. • We will have weekly reflections, collective worship and achievement assembly to celebrate our progress and share our thoughts and ideas. • We are going to introduce ‘Houses’ so the children feel connected to other children and year groups, part of a team that works together. |
| <p>What will the day look like for my child?</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each class has been given extended outdoor time. Teachers will use this outdoor time for both learning and play. The children will spend a lot of time outside, particularly in the first few weeks of school. The gardening project will be one aspect of this work. • Class routines will be the same. • Additional staffing will be in place at break and lunch times to support children to settle in and follow the guidelines and rules. |
| <p>What will my child need?</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full school uniform- to be worn each day. • Outdoor school kit, including wellies will be required. • PE Kit will need to be in school at the beginning of the week. • Named water bottle. • Book bag with reading book and diary each day – books will be quarantined after use at home and in school. |



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| Wraparound care | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wraparound care will be available to all from Monday 8 March. Places must be booked in advance (via the school office). Please see booking form attached. Pick up and drop off will be at the Breakfast and After School Club gate (Class 2). Please indicate your intention to use wraparound care by emailing the office using the booking form. • The Breakfast Club will open at 7:45 am. • The After School Club will finish at 5:45 pm – please collect your children on time. • If you need a last-minute place, telephone the office who will arrange this if we have spaces. |
| How will I communicate with my child's teacher if I am unable to go to the classroom? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please email using the class email in the first instance • Telephone the office – if your child's class teacher is not available, you can leave a message and they will return your call. • We can arrange a socially distanced meeting or Zoom meeting if you need a face – face conversation with your child's class teacher. |

School organisation- staff and timings

| | Da Vinci (Reception and Year 1) | Goldsworthy (Year 2) | Picasso (Year 3) | Klimt (Year 4 and 5) | Banksy (Year 5 and 6) |
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| Teacher | Tracy Gregory | Jo Hyland Alex Jacobs | Su Calvert | Nicky Galbraith | Kerry White Becky Clark |
| Teaching Assistants | Natasha Eggleton | Thanuska Kokkuhannandige | Sam Brabner Kayleigh Davis Emma Wilkinson | Heather Lambourne Felicity Troskie | Tracy Bayliss Felicity Troskie |
| Drop off time | Gates open at 8:40 | Gates open at 8:40 | Gates open at 8:40 | Gates open at 8:40 | Gates open at 8:40 |
| Pick up time | 3:15 | 3:15 | 3:15 | 3:15 | 3:15 |
| PE day | Please can all children bring their PE Kit on a Monday and leave it in school all week as we will be making use of the outdoor opportunities and having additional PE sessions. | | | | |

We are pleased to welcome Becky Clark back to school who will be working in Banksy Class alongside Kerry White. Mrs Clark will also be supporting across the school to release staff and coordinate catch up reading support.

If you have a child with Special Educational Needs your contact will be Grace Challans, who is providing SEN support for the school at this time. You can email Grace at grace.challans@blewbury.oxon.sch.uk



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Arrangements for drop off/pick up:

Please ensure that social distancing is maintained when you arrive and depart at the end of the day. The one-way system will be in operation and the **side gate to the village hall car park will be locked**. Please wear a mask when you drop and collect your child. At the beginning of the day children can go straight into class. At the end of the day the children will be ready to be collected at the entrance to their classroom. Children will sanitise hands on entry to the classroom and at the end of the day.

Please continue to inform the school office if there are any changes to your child's usual home-time pick-up arrangements. We are unable to allow children to go home with another adult unless we have received prior permission.

The side gate will be opened at 8:40 am to avoid crowding – please avoid arriving too early to assist with this.

Thank you for your continued support and patience. We are all excited about welcoming all the children back to school.

Best wishes,

Lisa Austin and Lisa Horton