



Broseley Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents/ Carers

As you will be aware, Government guidelines are changing constantly, however I think it is worth writing to you to keep you updated of the school's situation at this moment in time.

We have remained open since 20th March for children of key workers and vulnerable children. From June 1st we also opened to children of Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 as these were the priority groups according to the Government.

We have had the following safeguards and mitigations in place to help us manage the risk of the spread of Covid-19 infection:

- Small groups of children in each classroom
- Restrictions for the children bringing personal property to and from school
- Relaxation of the uniform rules to avoid children having to change for PE
- New arrangements for lunch and breaks
- Isolated toilet facilities around the school
- Increased hand washing and hygiene for all students and staff
- Frequent cleaning of classrooms and toilets
- Remaining in bubbles with the same children and staff
- Different entrances and exits
- Staggered starts and ends to the day

These measures have worked in reducing the risk and we have had no positive cases of Covid-19 in school.

As a school, the situation is changing as we receive new requests from families to accommodate their children. At each point, we have made our decisions to do our best in offering the maximum amount of support to the maximum amount of children. We will always do our best to respond positively to all new circumstances whilst keeping all children and staff safe.

We desperately want every child to be back in school, however the guidance from the Department for Education states that 'Bubbles' must not exceed 15 children regardless of any other considerations. All classrooms will be at, or extremely close to, capacity over the next 3 weeks. That is why we ask parents who are key workers to only use us if necessary so we can facilitate more children.

Support for online learners

The children who have not been in school have had the difficult job of working at home. Obviously, this is not ideal but I hope you appreciate the efforts that the teachers have made to ensure you are supported. If you feel you need further support then please get in touch. If your child would benefit from a visit from their current teacher, future teacher, myself or Mrs Hartland then let us know and we will come and have a chat outside your house. You could also pop down to school and we could meet up at the school gate if you wish.

Summer Holidays

We will have Crossbar in during the summer holidays to provide provision for families. Further details and booking information will follow.

From September

We are hopeful that everything will be back to normal from September. We are making plans to ensure every child receives any emotional support they may require. We will be assessing where children are academically and putting in appropriate provision to close any gaps in learning that may have been created. As always we are desperate to improve and are discussing how we can provide more opportunities for our learners so every child has the best education possible.

Reports

End of Year reports will be handed out or posted in two weeks.

I really appreciate how supportive you have been as a group of parents. It has been a stressful time and many people have felt anxious but I feel we have worked hard as a community to ensure our children have been looked after.

Yours sincerely

Sam Aiston

