

### BOURNE ABBEY C of E PRIMARY ACADEMY RE-OPENING FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What time is school open?	Our core hours will be:
school open?	<ul> <li>Main school 8.55 a.m. – 3.15 p.m.</li> <li>Jolly Giraffes (Bourne Abbey) 9.00 a.m. – 3.00 p.m.</li> <li>School office 8.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. for messages</li> </ul>
What are the arrangements for dropping off and collection?	Please note:  Only one adult should bring a child to school Parents/carers are asked to ensure that they are mindful of the appropriate social distancing while waiting at the gate and on the playground
	When dropping off, staff will collect your child(ren) from you at the gate and take them to their allocated group.
	When collecting, please collect your child(ren) from the external classroom door. There will be staff around to guide you to the correct classroom.
	We have staggered drop off and collection to ensure we can maintain safe social distancing on the playground.
	Reception and Year One are to use the gate on Abbey Road ONLY.
	Year 6 and Keyworkers'/vulnerable children in Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 are to use the gate on Manning Road ONLY – Please note the change for Keyworkers'/vulnerable children.
	Jolly Giraffes are to use the gate alongside the staff car park.
	RECEPTION – DROP OFF 8:45 and COLLECTION 2:45 YEAR ONE – DROP OFF 9:15 and COLLECTION 3:15 YEAR SIX – DROP OFF 9:00 and COLLECTION 3:00 KEYWORKERS'/VULNERABLE CHILDREN - DROP OFF 8:45 and COLLECTION 3:15 JOLLY GIRAFFES – DROP OFF 9:00 and COLLECTION 3:00
Can Year 6 children walk to and from school on their own?	Year 6 children with specific written permission from a parent/carer may arrive at school on their own and walk home on their own.  Parents/carers are responsible for ensuring that pupils understand the need for social distancing in these circumstances. Please email your permission to the school enquiries email address.
Will parents/carers be able to access school?	Parents/carers will not be permitted to enter the school buildings. If you wish to communicate with the teacher please telephone school or email the enquiries email address (see below):
	BAP.enquiries@abbeyacademies.co.uk 01778 422163

I understand that the children will be in groups of no more than 15 pupils. How will that work?	In accordance with Government guidance pupils will be arranged in groups of no more than 15. This may mean that they are not with their usual teacher or TA and may not be in their usual classroom. To minimise mixing children will play together in their group, eat lunch together and remain in the same groupings for the duration of the term. Staff will be asked to consider friendships when allocating children to groups but this cannot be guaranteed due to numbers.
How will school keep children social distanced?	The Government state that  We know that, unlike older children and adults, early years and primary age children cannot be expected to remain 2 metres apart from each other and staff. In deciding to bring more children back to early years and schools, we are taking this into account. Schools should therefore work through the hierarchy of measures set out above:  • avoiding contact with anyone with symptoms  • frequent hand cleaning and good respiratory hygiene practices  • regular cleaning of settings  • minimising contact and mixing
What are the arrangements for break times?	Break times will be staggered. Children will go out to play on a nominated playground at a nominated time to avoid mixing with other groups. Playground equipment will be allocated to a group where possible and then cleaned after use. Large static play equipment such as our trim trails and outdoor gym will not be used.
Will children be able to have a hot meal or should they all bring a packed lunch?	Ideal School meals will be providing hot school meals. Orders can be placed online in the normal way.  If you have not ordered a hot meal for your child you must provide a packed lunch.
What are the arrangements for lunchtime?	In order to ensure we minimise mixing and contact, lunchtimes will be staggered and children will eat in their classrooms.  If you have ordered a hot meal for your child through Ideal Foods, this will be brought to your child in a disposable container for them to eat in the classroom.
What are the arrangements for children eligible for a free school meal?	If your child is entitled to free school meals as defined in the first bullet point below, you should order their hot meal online as usual. If your child is not in Reception, Year 1 or Year 6 or is one of those year groups and you have chosen not to send them to school you can still collect a weekly grocery pack.
	Please note that there will be no vehicle access to the staff and visitor car park. Please walk through the pedestrian gate which is next to the exit barrier.  Universal Infant Free School meals for children in Reception, Year 1 and (as defined in the second bullet point below) should be ordered online as usual
	There are two different types of free school meals:

	Free school meals (FSM) for families on low incomes who have successfully applied for support through the Lincolnshire County Council portal (children in any year group)
	Universal infant free school meals (UIFSM) provided by the government for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
Does my child have to wear school uniform?	Children should wear normal school uniform where at all possible. However to reduce the pressure on families we are relaxing the rules on this for the rest of this term, in that we appreciate that some uniform and shoes may now be too small so parents/carers should use their discretion and replace with other items. Please ensure that non-school uniform items are plain in colour and match as closely as possible to the logo'd items. We do not want to start a run on football tops coming into school!
Will my child need their PE kit?	Yes, the children will be doing PE regularly. We would ask that children bring PE kit into school and leave it in their area of the classroom. Lockers and pegs in corridors will be out of use for the time being.
Should my child bring in their water bottle?	The children will need to bring in a named water bottle of their choice each day. They will bring it home at the end of the day for washing and should bring it back the following day.
What can my child bring in from home?	We would ask that as little as possible is sent to school. We will accept packed lunches, water bottles, a single snack for morning break, inhalers, auto-adrenaline injectors and sun cream, but all items must be named. Anything un-named will be thrown away if we cannot be sure of its owner to prevent contamination. There will be no lost property collection point for un-named items, other than retention in the classroom. With a limited number of children in a limited area of the school-, we are anticipating far less lost property!  The school will provide books and writing equipment for each child in school, which will be stored on their allocated desk and not shared.
What will the	We will be working with the remote learning packs.
children be learning in school?	Additionally in Reception and Year 1 we will hear every child read each day and there will be phonics learning each day.
	Year 6 pupils will be heard read at least once a week.
	Reading diaries will not be completed and books will not be sent home.
	As many lessons as possible will take place outdoors. Please ensure that you provide a sunhat and apply sun cream in the morning before your child comes to school.
	Support will be given to staff in school who may be with a year group they are not used to teaching or supporting.
If my child does not attend school will we still have	Remote learning will continue to be prepared for all year groups and will be uploaded onto the school websites each Monday as usual, including

access to home learning resources?	work for Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 so that those children not in school from June 1 <sup>st</sup> can still carry out their home learning.
My child usually has SEN/intervention support. Will this be available?	SENCos will continue to be in communication with parents/carers of all of our SEND pupils.
What hygiene routines will be followed in school?	We will ensure we stick to Government guidelines which include avoiding contact with anyone with symptoms, frequent hand cleaning and good hygiene practices, regular cleaning of settings and minimising contact and mixing. We will reinforce with the children on a daily basis the importance of regular effective hand washing, covering coughs and sneezes with a tissue and disposing of it and not touching eyes/nose/mouth with unwashed hands. Posters will be displayed around school for pupils and adults.  We would ask that you continue to reinforce these messages at home.  Our cleaning teams will be on-site to clean each evening in preparation for the next day with a particular focus on frequently touched surfaces and toilets.
What PPE will be available for/worn by staff and children?	STAFF The DfE state that, 'The majority of staff in education settings will not require PPE beyond what they would normally need for their work, even if they are not always able to maintain a distance of 2 metres from others'. Staff will use PPE for intimate care and first aid.  CHILDREN Children will not be required to wear PPE and we would ask that you do not send them in with face masks.
What if I want my child to wear a mask in school?	The Government guidance states that masks are for protecting others, and not the wearer. If your child needs to wear a mask because they are ill, please do not send them into school. The guidance also states that children may compromise the spread of infection by the mis-use of masks, which they are too young to manage.
What procedures will be followed if a pupil or member of staff develops symptoms of COVID-19?	We have produced a thorough risk assessment which will be followed rigorously. If anyone becomes unwell with a new continuous cough, a high temperature or reports a loss of taste and/or smell they will be sent home immediately and advised to follow the <a href="COVID-19">COVID-19</a> : guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection guidance.
	Anyone showing coronavirus symptoms will be isolated immediately in a designated room. If required they will use the nominated COVID-19 toilet as directed by the DfE.
	If your child shows any symptoms please do not send them to school.

# What wellbeing and mental health support will be available for my child?

There may well be many children, and adults, who are nervous about returning to the school environment and this is completely understandable.

Our experience so far is that children are particularly resilient, adapt quickly and have adapted well to changing circumstances and routines. However, we have not taken this for granted and have planned to provide support for children to adjust to the return to school.

Our trained mental health and wellbeing first aiders will be on hand to support our pupils.

#### How do I report my child's absence?

You should report your child's absence in the usual way by phoning school by 9.00 a.m. and leaving a message. Alternatively you may send a message via the enquiries email address. All unexplained absence for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 will be followed up by our admin team as normal.

We will follow the usual children missing in education procedures with the Local Authority including our vulnerable children.

### My child usually travels to school by taxi. How do I ensure that transport will be in place?

As previously indicated to those families affected, for children who usually travel by school transport who are returning to school in Reception, Year 1 or Year 6 following the Prime Minister's advice, you **must** please contact Lincolnshire County Council (LCC) if:

- your child is in the relevant year groups and you plan for them to return to school from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020 if agreed; <u>and</u>
- they are normally entitled to transport; and
- you cannot transport them.

You can contact LCC by emailing <u>TSG@lincolnshire.gov.uk</u> Those without access to email should call 01522 782020. This will help LCC make appropriate transport arrangements from the earliest date possible.

## What happens if I've indicated my child will attend and I change my mind or viceversa?

We do understand that this is an evolving situation and parents/carers may change their mind about whether or not they want their child to attend school:

- If your child is attending school and you decide that you no longer wish them to please notify the school office by phone or email
- If your child is not attending school and you wish them to start we will require 48 hours' notice to ensure that we can accommodate them in a group

#### Will we still receive all of the information we usually get at the end of the school year such as school reports?

We still plan to issue school reports and details of class teachers etc. in line with the already published timetable. We are reviewing how best we can share the information usually provided at 'Meet the teacher' sessions and will let you have details of that nearer the time.