



Brinsworth Whitehill Primary

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September Opening Update

Dear Parents / Carers,

On the 8th June the government announced that they were “working towards bringing **all** children back to school in September.” Consequently, it is of the utmost importance for us to explain what we are doing in school with regards to the Coronavirus COVID-19.

At Wickersley Partnership Trust we aim to implement the government strategy to the best of our ability whilst adapting it to the needs of the school community (pupils, parents and staff). Whilst we understand this is a very worrying time for everybody, we will continue to follow government and scientific advice and guidance when making decisions. However, in this unprecedented time, as with all decisions we have made, the safety and well-being of our community are our first priority. You have my word that we will keep our plans under constant review and always act with the best interests of students and their families.

Re-Opening

On Wednesday 2nd September, school will reopen to all children. There will be staggered start times for children in EYFS. Details will be sent directly to EYFS families regarding this information.

Classroom doors will open at 8.45. Collection times for all children will be from 2.45. Please leave the school site as quickly as possible to reduce the number of people on site at any one time, respecting social distancing rules.

Accessing the school site

All children/parents must enter and exit the school grounds via the double gates in Key Stage 2, with the exception of parents with children in F1, F2 and Y1/2H (Miss Hibberds class) Children in these 3 classes must access the school site via the main office entrance.

We ask that parents only enter the school site where necessary, e.g. with younger children. Older children are asked to enter the school site independently to reduce the number of additional adults on the school site at any one time.

Breakfast Club

In the first instance, we are unable to offer a breakfast club provision as children are not allowed to cross zones. We will review this at October half term.

Risk Assessment

Our school has a COVID-19 risk assessment which includes a number of measures to mitigate-risk to both our students and staff.

Children will work in 4 zones – EYFS / KS1 / LKS2 / UKS2. Children and staff will stay in their zones and will not enter other zones.

At Brinsworth Whitehill Primary School we aim to create a supportive learning environment where everyone is encouraged to grow, develop and achieve their full potential

In order to reduce the spread of any infection, pupils are also being given guidance by staff about good hygiene, which includes:

- Use of tissues to catch a cough or sneeze, then binning the tissue and washing hands.
- Washing hands frequently, particularly after using public transport, before leaving home, on arrival at school, after using the toilet, after breaks and sporting activities, before food preparation, before eating any food, before leaving school. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitiser if soap and water are not available. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are unwell.

Our hand washing areas remain well stocked and we will talk to children about how to properly wash their hands, placing posters in key areas to remind us all to maintain good hygiene. If your child has any allergies relating to an alcohol-based sanitiser, please contact the school office.

Attendance

School registers will be taken in line with statutory guidance and contact with home will be made as normal regarding student absence. There is no reason why your child should not continue to attend school as normal: good attendance is essential for your child's education.

We will continue to monitor the situation closely and should we get any new advice from Public Health England, the Department for Education or Rotherham Local Authority, we will inform you immediately. Please be aware that this is an ever-changing situation and we do not underestimate the anxieties that families are facing; we will continue to share any new information and advice specific to the school with you at the earliest opportunity.

At Brinsworth Whitehill, we recognise the impact 'lockdown' may have had and the social isolation it has brought to many young people and families. I am sure that students will have missed spending time with their 'schoolmates', both in and out of school!

Pastoral staff in school will continue to have dedicated time to ensure the welfare and safety of all children and will access advice, guidance and resources from other welfare agencies to support children's mental health and well-being.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your ongoing support and patience at what we understand may be a concerning time for you. We look forward to seeing you all in September.

If you have any queries or concerns, please contact us via email office@brinsworthwhitehill.org or the MyEd app.

Yours sincerely,

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