



Brinsworth Whitehill Primary

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Return to School

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing in response to the recent instruction from the government for all schools to reopen fully during the week beginning the 8th March.

Return to onsite learning

As I said when planning our original return in December, we will continue to prioritise the health and wellbeing of our school community. We will ensure that, despite the stringent measures we have in place, all students will follow a broad, balanced and creative curriculum.

Please adhere to the new timings of the day from 8th March 2021

- EYFS 8.40 – 2.40pm
- Key Stage 1 - 8:45am – 2.55pm
- Key Stage 2 - 8:50 – 3.00pm

Students will return to their Year Group Zones as they have done throughout this year, entering and leaving school through their assigned entrances/exits. **As before, it's important that students do not arrive more than 5 minutes before their allocated start time to avoid unnecessary mixing.**

Please note – there will be no access to and from school via the Foundation Unit. We will trial this system and review after one week. This is to avoid congestion around the main entrance to school. The main school entrance will provide access to Y1/2H, F1 and F2 only. The gates will open 5 minutes before the end of the school day. 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.

The two greatest determining factors relating to student wellbeing and attainment are good attendance and outstanding effort. This has never been more important than now and I need to reiterate that it is an expectation that all of our students attend school every day. 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.

As previously, each school has a COVID-19 risk assessment which includes a number of measures to mitigate risk to both our students and staff. We will adopt a phased approach so that we can monitor the situation, review and respond accordingly.

In order to reduce the spread of any infection, students 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 Brinsworth Whitehill Primary School we aim to create a supportive learning environment where everyone is encouraged to grow, develop and achieve their full potential

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.

We recognise that the ongoing stringent measures we have in place will not be without challenges; that said, we know our students and staff can work together and support each other to make the best of the situation.

PE

We will confirm which day PE will take place as soon as possible. Polite reminder – children must come to school in their PE kit with a school jumper/ trainers on PE days.

Book Bags

Children may now bring book bags to school. Please limit items in the book bag to reading diary, reading book etc.

If you have any queries or concerns, please contact us via email office@brinsworthwhitehill.org
Thank you for your ongoing support during this difficult time.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs C Oxborough
Headteacher