

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2020

# Bromley Heath Infant School September Opening

Dear Parents and Carers

We are very excited to announce that we are ready for a full school reopening from Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. We have put in place many systems and routines to help keep pupils, families and staff safe and developed a recovery curriculum, as recommended by the Local Authority, to support pupils' return to education. Our curriculum will have a strong focus on developing pupils' mental well-being, engage them with our school learning environment and helping children progress with their learning.

The plan below outlines the measures we are intending to put into place to keep children and staff safe. It is based on a whole site risk assessment and national guidance. We will be working under Government guidance that places a strong emphasis on contact tracing and reducing the risk through stringent infection prevention and control. Our September reopening is based on minimising contact.

Each year group will have its' own protective bubble for the pupils. It will be set up as follows:

- Contain no more than 60 children and is class based where possible
- Lunch will be eaten in classrooms
- The playground will be zoned to use at playtimes and lunchtime
- Separate entrance door and staggered entry to and exit from school for each class
- Increased handwashing

Staff may work across the bubbles to deliver learning but this will be kept to a minimum with all contacts traced and recorded. The bubble will not mix with any other bubbles in the school environment and movement throughout the building will be limited.

## **Entry and exit to and from the site:**

To support you with social distancing and ensure the safety of all we will be operating a staggered start and finish to the day and a strict one way system around the school. The one way system will operate as follows: enter the school via the double gates on the righthand side of the building walk down the side of the building past the football oval and around to your child's class door: then leave the school via the single gate near Giraffe class. Each entrance will have a taped 2m square outside each door and we ask that parents do not enter this space when dropping off or collecting your child. To aid congestion we ask, wherever possible, that only one parent brings your child to school and that you walk. **Please do not bring scooters or bikes** onto the site. To help us keep all our children safe please do not congregate on the playground or allow children or younger siblings to play in the playground before school or after pick-up.

To protect our staff we ask that parents and visitors come to the school office only for an emergency .All other contact should be through email or telephone.

The staggered times and door of entry:

Base	Teacher	Entrance and Exit	Start Time	Finish Time
Giraffe Class	Mrs Lisa Warren Ms Lucy Fletcher	Side entrance	8:40 am (from w.c 21 <sup>st</sup> Sept)	2:50 pm (from w.c 28 <sup>th</sup> Sept)
Zebra Class	Miss Dani Blackburn	Zebra class door	8:50 am (from w.c 21 <sup>st</sup> Sept)	3:00 pm (from w.c 28 <sup>th</sup> Sept)
Penguin Class	Miss Megan Lee	Penguin Class door	9:00 am	3:05 pm
Lion Class	Miss Harriet Mackay Mrs Sophie Dalton	Side entrance	8:50 am	3:00 pm
Leopard Class	Miss Rebekah Norman	Leopard class door	9:00 am	3:10 pm
Dolphin Class	Mrs Janine Jenkins Mrs Lorraine Gregory	Side entrance	9:10 am	3:20 pm

If these times do not fit in with the school times of a sibling, please let your child's class teacher know via school email and we will make alternative arrangements for them.

### Lunchtimes and Playtimes

Lunches will be eaten in the classroom, **please could you provide your child with their own packed lunch for Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>** . From Sept 7<sup>th</sup> the school kitchen will provide a sandwich lunch for all of the children. All lunch requests should be emailed into school by 1<sup>st</sup> September. You can send your child with their own healthy packed lunch if you prefer. All children should bring a filled water bottle for their use throughout the day and a morning fruit snack (not in a container).

Playtimes and Lunchtimes will be staggered to keep the numbers of children in the playground at one time as low as we can. The playground will be zoned and each class will be allocated a zone for their use. The zones will be rotated weekly to give all children the opportunity to use the different play equipment in school.

### Hygiene

There will be extra hand hygiene measures in place when the children start school. On entry to school children will have hand soap applied and they will then be directed to wash their hands in their class. They will also wash their hands after play; before lunch; after lunch and before leaving school. In addition, when they go to the toilet, children will be asked to sanitise their hands before leaving their bubble and after to using the toilets. The toilet blocks will be allocated to individual year groups.

As noted previously there will be extra cleaning scheduled in school. All classrooms will be cleaned at lunchtime and at the end of the day using cleaning sprays, cloths and wipes for table tops,

door handles etc. Tissues will be supplied for the children and a lidded bin for their disposal will be available in each classroom. There will be soap in the classrooms as well as the toilets. All resources used will be easily cleaned and limited to the bubble. All doors and windows, wherever possible will, will be left open to enable a flow of air around the school.

We will operate a one way system around the school for staff and the children will access the playground through specified doors. Individual children will not be moving around the school unless they are going to use the toilet. This is to ensure that we do not get children from different bubbles mixing.

We ask that **children bring and leave an empty named plastic pencil case to school** on the first day. Staff will then provide a personal pack of stationery to be used in school. Reading books will be changed weekly and we encourage you to continue reading online via the Oxford Owl website and any other books you have at home. To reduce the transmission of infection only book bags will be required in school **no backpacks please.**

A First-aider will treat any first aid injuries; they may wear PPE if appropriate. Could I please ask you to inform your child that this may happen. The PPE would be an apron, gloves and a mask.

### **PE Kit**

Please could children wear their PE kit on their PE days.

Year Group	PE day
Explorers (EYFS )	Tuesday and Friday
Year 1	Wednesday and Thursday
Year 2	Monday and Wednesday

If a child develops Covid 19 symptoms whilst in school they will be isolated. Parents will be asked to collect them, get their child tested and follow the current guidance on self-isolation. The school will follow the current Local Authority(LA) and Public Health England(PHE) advice regarding contact tracing and informing the school community. If a number of cases are confirmed, specific bubbles or the whole school may be closed following advice from the LA and PHE. **Please do not send you child to school if they are displaying any COVID 19 symptoms. If they are displaying symptoms, organise for them to be tested, let the school know and follow the current self-isolation guidance for the child and your family.**

The below link is to the latest DFE guidelines regarding full opening of schools and our plan is based on this. As with all plans related to Covid 19, these are based on current guidance and are subject to change.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

Thank you for you help, consideration and support during this difficult time. We are looking forward to welcoming everyone to school in September.

*Kind regards*

*Kirsti Harris*

*Acting Headteacher September 2020*

