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Dear Parents and Carers,

Full Opening of School from Monday 8th March 2021

This time next week will hopefully be the start of us all experiencing a slow move to some form of normality. I know all the staff are raring to go and can't wait to welcome back all of the children and have their classrooms full again. Please let your child(ren) know we can't wait to be back together again.

It is World Book Day 2021 on Thursday 4th March but I have made the decision to defer our school World Book Day celebrations until the following week, Thursday 11th March, when all of the children will be back in school. More information will be sent out to you separately and there will be a World Book Day lunch menu on 11th too.

The main details in this letter should seem familiar to you. As I explained last week we are reverting back to the plan and timings we had in place in September 2020. Our plans were drawn together following the most recent guidance from the Government, the Local Authority and the HSE and they have been shared with our Governing Body. As a school, we will continue to focus on providing a safe environment for our children, with a firm focus on safety, wellbeing and learning. As you know, I cannot guarantee social distancing within the school will be maintained but it will be encouraged at all times.

All of the measures in our plan have been written into a robust risk assessment which can be viewed on our website. This has been shared with our Governing Body and reviewed by local authority health and safety experts.

I anticipate that the measures detailed below will be in place for the rest of the school year however, they will be reviewed alongside the national guidance and subject to change on an ongoing basis. If any guidance changes I will inform you of any adapted plans as soon as I possibly can.

Main Headlines

- School will open on **Monday 8th March** for all children
- Attendance in school will be mandatory. The Government have reinstated the statutory responsibility that parents and carers must ensure their child attends school. Schools will be expected to inform the Local Authority about any attendance concerns which could result in prosecution
- Breakfast Club, All My Friends and after school clubs will not be available immediately when we return however, we are in discussion with All My Friends and hope to have wraparound provision back up and running after the Easter break – more information will follow as soon as it is available
- Full school uniform will be expected (please don't stress if you can't kit your child(ren) out fully – to be completely honest having the children back in school is the most important thing)
- Children should wear their school PE top, a navy or black tracksuit (hoodie and trackie bottoms) and trainers on PE days to limit the amount of bags etc in school
- No parents will be permitted on site during the school day (pre-arranged appointments only)
- Drop off and pick up times will be staggered (see attached table below)
- Please stick to your allocated drop off and pick up times and ensure only one adult per family
- All adults and children over the age of 12 should wear a mask when waiting at drop off and pick up times
- Social distancing is still expected - please do not linger to chat on site or in the carpark
- Break and lunchtimes will be staggered
- Lunch will be eaten in classrooms
- ABM will provide an adapted lunch menu that can be ordered and paid for in the normal way

- Only one small bag per child is permitted and should contain no items from home other than a school reading book, a water bottle, lunch box and healthy snack if required, a coat and sun hat
- Reading books will be collected in on a Friday and placed in quarantine for 48 hours – 2 new reading books will be handed out on a Monday
- Should a class bubble be forced to quarantine then our TEAMS platform will be used to ensure children will be able to access blended learning from home
- All members of our school community must follow our guidance and engage with the national testing, track and trace process if symptoms or confirmed cases in our school community are identified

The government have asked schools to stress that children should not attend if they, or a member of their family they live with are showing any symptoms of Covid-19.

If a child or member of staff attending school develops symptoms, they will be sent home, asked to take a test and if confirmed, they will need to self-isolate for 10 days and their family and everyone in their class bubble will also need to isolate according to the most recent guidance.

Please take the time to read the attached information and take some time to talk it through with your child(ren).

Please can I request that you only contact the school office or class email if your query or update is urgent. Everything we do, and all the decisions we make, will be done with our whole school community's safety and wellbeing as a priority.

Many thanks for your continued support and understanding,



Julia Matson
Headteacher

Summary of Information

Groups and classrooms

- Children will be kept in class sized bubbles and staff must keep their class away from other people and other groups throughout the day
- The same teacher, learning partner, teacher training student and support staff will be assigned to each class bubble, as far as possible, to minimize mixing with other people
- If there are any staff shortages, then supply cover may be used
- Children will, wherever possible, use the same classroom, table or area of the school throughout the day
- Children will stay in their class bubbles for breaks and at lunchtime and these will be staggered to minimize any mixing (lunch will be eaten in the classroom or possibly outside)
- Windows and doors will be kept open to ventilate rooms and reduce the need to touch handles
- The school grounds will be used as much as possible for outdoor learning
- Fire doors will be used as much as possible to avoid movement within the school

Daily organisation

- We will encourage social distancing wherever possible but we cannot guarantee it
- Staff are expected to socially distance from children and other adults
- There will be no whole school or large group gatherings (eg. Whole school daily worship)
- Weather permitting, we will use the outside space as much as we can
- Arrival, breaks, toilet, lunch, end of day etc will be staggered to minimise contact with other class bubbles
- The children will be reminded regularly about the safety rules in school
- The curriculum will revise previous learning, cover missed learning and introduce new learning
- Class teachers will all take their PPA on a Friday morning and classes will be covered by Learning Partners
- Children will eat lunch in their classrooms supervised, as far as possible, by the same MDS each day
- ABM will provide an adapted lunch menu that can be ordered and paid for in the normal way
- There will be no whole school Golden Time on a Friday afternoon

Additional Information

- School uniform will be expected
- PE kit should be worn to school on PE day (PE top, navy or black hoodie and trackie bottoms and trainers)
- Children can wear their own clothes (non-uniform!) to school on their birthday if they would like to. If their birthday falls on their class PE day, a weekend, a school non uniform day etc they can choose to wear their own clothes on the day immediately before or after their special day.
- Children should bring everything they need at school in a small bag (reading book, a water bottle, a lunchbox, a coat and a sun hat)
- Other items from home will not be permitted
- Home/school reading books will be handed in on a Friday only and books returned from home will be quarantined for 48 hours, new books will be issued on a Monday
- Shared equipment will be cleaned before each use
- Children will be expected to clean hands more often than usual; on arrival at the setting, before and after eating, and after sneezing or coughing and to follow the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach
- Handles and surfaces regularly touched will be cleaned frequently throughout the day
- Rooms will be thoroughly cleaned at the end of the day
- Staggered start and finish times will be in place to reduce the amount of people on the school site
- Signage will be used to remind our school community of the protective measures in place
- Wearing a face covering or face mask in school is not required for children
- Staff will be wearing face coverings in communal areas and in some classroom situations
- If a child is non-compliant or behaves in a way that puts themselves or others at risk; we may be unable to use normal de-escalation techniques. Parents will be contacted and expected to come to school and support us in managing their child's behaviour. Please see the COVID-19 appendix to our behaviour policy on our website
- If a child becomes unwell during the school day, they will be isolated and looked after separately by a member of staff in PPE and must be collected immediately

Barnwood C of E Primary School
COVID – 19 Plan for Full School Opening – 8th March 2021

Bubble	Location	Staff	Drop Off and Pick Up Location	Drop Off Time	Pick Up Time	Entrance/Exit Doors	Toilets
EYFS	EYFS	Mrs West Mrs Lewis Mrs Allen	Car park blue gates	9am	2.55pm	EYFS Fire Door	KS1
Y1	Y1 room	Mrs Ali Miss Joyce Mrs Williams	Car park blue gates	9am	2.55pm	Y1 Fire Door	KS1
Y2	Y2 room	Mrs Ferne Mrs Bennett	Car park blue gates	9am	2.55pm	Y2 Fire Door	KS1
Y3	Y3 room	Mrs Overington Mrs Hurcum Miss Cooper	Car park blue gates	8.50am	3.15pm	Y3 Fire Door	KS2
Y4	Y4 room	Mr Leggett Mrs Gent	Car park blue gates	8.50am	3.15pm	Y4 Fire Door	KS2
Y5	Y5 room	Miss Harris Mrs Corley	Car park blue gates	8.40am	3.05pm	Y5 Fire Door	KS2
Y6	Y6 room	Miss Brook Mrs Clarke Mrs Gisby	Car park blue gates	8.40am	3.05pm	KS2 Cloakroom	Disabled

- It is important that children are dropped off and picked up within their allotted time as we still need to ensure children in different years don't mix and our bubbles don't burst!
- Only one adult is permitted for drop off and pick up per family and a mask should be worn by adults and children over 12
- We ask that all parents and carers continue to be prompt and adhere to social distancing to help us keep everyone as safe as possible

