

Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School



Dear Parents

NEWSLETTER 22 – 26th February 2021

We hope that you all enjoyed the half term break. Following the Prime Minister's announcement this week we are delighted that our school will be reopening for all pupils from Monday 8th March. We will be returning to the operational arrangements that were in place during the Autumn Term - full details are given below.

Collective Worship

This is the link for this week's Collective Worship: <https://sway.office.com/aXgdViHnX1M41033?ref=email>

Remote Learning

As all children will be returning to school on 8th March, next week will our last week of remote learning. We are delighted that so many children have accessed the learning and have felt supported by our school community. If you have been lent a school Chromebook during the closure period, please return it to school on Monday 8th March along with the charger and slipcase.

World Book Day

World Book Day is on 4th March and we are encouraging children, both at home and in school, to dress up as their favourite book character for their lessons that day. With many shops being closed, a homemade outfit is all that is necessary or even just a headband with a drawing of a favourite book character - we look forward to seeing everyone's ideas. Learning on the day will be themed to reading and enjoying books.

Children in Years 1 and 2 will be celebrating with a "Bedtime Story" theme. More details will be given on Google Classroom, but children have been asked to dress up in their pyjamas or suitable nightwear for the online lesson on Thursday, however character costumes can be worn if they would prefer. They may also bring along their favourite cuddly toy and their favourite bedtime story book to school or to their online sessions. Pupils coming to school in Mrs Hudson's and Mrs Walsh's classes should come dressed in their P.E. kit and bring their pyjamas/costume with them to change into.

Year 6 Bikeability Course

Bikeright will be running a free cycling course at our school during the week of 22nd- 26th March, for Year 6 children. There will be one full day session per child (6 children in each session) during the school day and your child will need to bring their own bike and helmet. If you wish your child to take part please let us know via email by Weds 3rd March.

Return to School on Monday 8th March

School will be open to all pupils from **Monday 8th March**. We will be returning to the arrangements that were in place during the Autumn term:

- All pupils will work in their class bubbles and will not mix with other class groups, which means that we will not be able to set pupils for maths in KS2. The 45 pupils in the EYFS classes will form one bubble due to the shared nature of the EYFS area.
- Playtimes/ dinnertimes will remain staggered to avoid crowding and the playground/ dining hall is divided into sections to keep classes apart.
- Children will wear **normal school uniform** (PE kit on PE days - as outlined on the school website). Normal lunches will be available. Pupils should only bring a coat, water bottle (no juice) and book bag, containing their reading book to school. Please remember that toys are not allowed to be brought to school unless teachers have requested this, and that long hair should be tied up and head bands/bobbles should be blue as stated in our school prospectus.
- You will not be able to drive onto or park on the school site – children will need to walk into school.
- Children should only be accompanied by one adult on the school site and all adults on the school site must wear a face covering and continue to social distance.

- Please follow the signage which will direct you to your entrance/ exit points.
- Children should only be brought to school and collected by members of their home bubble except in an emergency. If older siblings are at home isolating, they must not be brought on to the school site.
- Bikes and scooters should not be ridden on site and because of the class bays, bikes cannot be left in the rack.
- Please note that there will no school crossing patrol for the time being.

The staggered entry/ exit times and entrances for different year groups are as follows and a summary is below:

EYFS (Mrs Roberts and Mrs Ellwood): to enter via the **pedestrian gate** and **side gate** to assemble in the EYFS play area in order to access the class. The gates will be shut between each class entry/ exit time.

- Access to Mrs Roberts' class will be at **9:00**; pupils will leave at **3:20**. Please do not arrive before these times.
- Access to Mrs Ellwood's class will be between **8:45**; pupils will leave at **3:05**. Please do not arrive before these times.

KS1 (Mrs Bond, Mrs Hudson and Mrs Walsh's classes): to enter/exit school via the main **car entrance gate** and the **hall doors**. The front of the school will be divided into three named class bays – children to enter the coned bays where their teacher will meet them and lead them into school.

- Access to KS1 classes will be at **8:55** (do not arrive before this time); pupils will leave at **3:20** from the hall doors and the individual class bays (do not arrive before 3:20).

Lower KS2 (Miss Drissell, Miss Powell and Mr Thackway): to enter/exit school via the main **car entrance gate** and the **hall doors**. The front of the school will be divided into three named class bays – children to enter the coned bays where their teacher will meet them and lead them into school.

- Access to Lower KS2 classes will be at **8:45** (bays will be open from 8:40); pupils will leave at **3:10** from the hall doors and the individual class bays (please do not arrive before 3:05). Please arrive on time and leave promptly to avoid mixing with the arrival of KS1 pupils.

Upper KS2 (Miss Butler, Miss Eyles and Mrs Mills): to enter school via the main **car exit gate** and the **field gates**. The front of the gates will be divided into three named class bays – children to enter the coned bays where their teacher will meet them and lead them into school.

- Access to Upper KS2 classes will be at **8:45** (bays will be open from 8:40); pupils will leave at **3:10** from the field gates and the individual class bays (please do not arrive before 3:05).

If you need to wait between year groups, please do not wait in the bays - wait on the internal school driveway by the red and white barriers or leave the site and return at the entry time.

Please be on time to ensure smooth and prompt entry for each class bubble - if you are late, wait on the internal school driveway by the red and white barriers until the bays are clear – staff will then ask you to come in once the front of school is clear.

Thank you for your cooperation so that we can all remain healthy and ensure that our children return to school safely.

Kind regards.

Mr A Simms

School start and end times and arrangements from 8th March 2021

<i>Class Bubble</i>	Come in to school and exit via		<i>Start</i>	<i>End</i>
Rec Ellwood	Pedestrian gate	Side entrance to left of school	8.45am	3.05pm
Rec Roberts/Jones	Pedestrian gate	Side entrance to left of school	9.00am	3.20pm
Mrs Bond/Flavell	Vehicle entrance gate	Hall doors (left side)	8.55am	3.20pm
Mrs Hudson/Flavell	Vehicle entrance gate	Hall doors (left side)	8.55am	3.20pm
Mrs Walsh/Jones	Vehicle entrance gate	Hall doors (left side)	8.55am	3.20pm
Mr Thackway	Vehicle entrance gate	Hall doors (right side)	8.45am	3.10pm
Miss Powell	Vehicle entrance gate	Hall doors (right side)	8.45am	3.10pm
Miss Drissell	Vehicle entrance gate	Hall doors (right side)	8.45am	3.10pm
Miss Butler	Vehicle exit gate	Field gates	8.45am	3.10pm
Miss Eyles	Vehicle exit gate	Field gates	8.45am	3.10pm
Mrs Mills	Vehicle exit gate	Field gates	8.45am	3.10pm

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All adults should wear a face covering while on the school site.