

# Bellfield Primary School

A Fond Farewell

August 2020



Dear parents and carers,

We hope you have had a fantastic summer and managed to relax and have fun.

Mr Broadley has been working tirelessly over the summer break to ensure the school is clean, safe and ready for the children to return. He has not put his paintbrush down in the last 4 months! The school is looking lovely and should help to create a warm and welcoming atmosphere for the children's return on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September.

We know that some of the children, and yourselves, may be feeling anxious but please be assured that the staff team have been working hard to make adjustments to the site and daily routines so that we can make it as safe as possible for everyone.

As you will have seen, the government are expecting all pupils to return to school and as always we will be working with you to make sure that this can happen. Mrs Puckering is contactable each day if you have any concerns you wish to discuss or need support with, we are all in this together.

## Welcome...

We are all looking forward to welcoming our new Foundation Stage 1 (Nursery) children and some new children into our Foundation Stage 2 (Reception) class. This will be a strange time for our younger children but the Foundation Stage Team have been working hard over the summer to ensure we can still provide them with the highest quality early years' experience.

We are also looking forward to welcoming our new staff; Miss Talbot (FS1), Miss Hunter (Yr5) and Mrs Wilkins (1:1 TA in Yr3). We know you will help to make them feel welcome and part of our Bellfield Family Community.

## A reminder about changes for September

Over the summer break we have had a fence fitted that runs the full length of the playground. The fence will separate the main playground from the walkway, providing safer grounds for the children during the school day. If you are a Nursery parent, **bringing your child at 12.30pm**, you will be asked to use the side entrance to the school and **NOT** the main front gates.

We are also changing some of the entrances and exits to the school site for a morning drop off and evening pick up, hopefully eliminating the congestion at the side gate.

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Year group	Morning	Evening
<b>EYFS (Nursery and Reception)</b> <b>Start time (8.30am)</b> <b>End of day (3.10pm)</b>	Children to enter via the main school gate and then use the EYFS gate to enter their classrooms	Parents of FSI children to make a line outside the EYFS gate and pupils will be brought out to you. Parents of FS2 pupils to wait on the Reception playground, using the gate situated off the field.
<b>Year 1 and 2</b> <b>Start time (8.40am)</b> <b>End of day (3.15pm)</b>	Children to use the KSI entrance door that is situated off the main playground.	Children in Yr2 will make a line at the wall, near the KSI entrance and parents are asked to wait near here. Children in Yr1 will be dismissed one at a time from the KSI door.
<b>Year 3 and 4</b> <b>Start time (8.40am)</b> <b>End of day (3.10pm)</b>	Children will be asked to come in via the side gate (nearest the field) and asked to walk along the field path and in through the back door. Parents will NOT be allowed access to the school and if you have any information that needs passing on, please see the member of staff on duty on the playground door or the office.	Yr4 parents will be asked to wait at the back of the main playground and children will be brought to you. Yr3 parents will be asked to wait at the side gate and pupils will be brought to you.
<b>Year 5 and 6</b> <b>Stat time (8.40am)</b> <b>End of day (3.10pm)</b>	Children will use the main gates and then be asked to walk into school using the hall door. Parents will NOT be allowed access to the school and if you have any information that needs passing on, please see the member of staff on duty on the playground door or the office.	Children will be dismissed via the car park gates, a teacher will escort them out to ensure they are safe. The gate will be opened at 3.15pm for you to wait inside the car park area.

## Communication

As you will be aware we are now using 'Parent Pay' for all communication and therefore we ask that you check your emails on a regular basis. This is the way that we will inform you of any first aid incidents that may have occurred. We will still ring you if your child has had an accident that we feel needs further medical attention that our first aider is unable to give. If your child is in the Foundation Stage (Nursery and Reception) we will also send you a message via your Seesaw app.

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We are now a 'cashless' school and as such we cannot accept money via the school office, everything must be paid via your Parent Pay account. The only time we will accept cash is for bun/cake sales and raffles.

In addition to Parent Pay the staff will continue to use Seesaw as a way to communicate with you. Seesaw will be used for sending out weekly letters, class newsletters and individual information for your child as well as showing you the super work of your child and the class. If you do not have Seesaw please contact the school so that we can provide the information in a different way. *(If you would like to have Seesaw so that you can receive newsletters and information but do not wish for your child to have an active account, this is also a possibility)*

## Additional information

- School will reopen for all pupils on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September
- Children only need to bring their school book bag and packed lunch box with them (if they are staying at school for a packed lunch)
- We will be providing hot school lunches again and children can have the option of a school lunch or bringing their own packed lunch
- Children must enter and exit via their designated gate/door
- Please adhere to social distancing by not congregating on the playground – please spread out to ensure the safety of the community
- If you need to speak to the school office please try to ring. If you need to speak to them face-to-face then please ring to make an appointment
- If you need support from Mrs Puckering, please ring to make an appointment – please be aware that if she is able to support you over the phone, this will be the preferred option
- If you need to speak to the class teacher, please use Seesaw or ring the school
- If for any reason your child is late, they will need to enter the school via the office

We really appreciate your support with these new changes and know that together we can help to keep our community as safe as possible.

Looking forward to seeing you all

Miss Howard and Mr Batty