

Bellfield Primary School

September 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to have all the children back yesterday. They were amazing and managed all new systems within school really well. They were a credit to the school and yourselves.

As I took a walk around the school, it was wonderful to hear children's voices and laughter again.

Thank you for your patience as we 'tweak' our entrance and exits, this may take us a few attempts until it runs as smoothly as possible, but we know you will continue to work with us so that everyone can be safe.

Entrances and Exits

We are asking that you DO NOT arrive earlier than your year groups allocated time, unless you have children in the younger year groups who start at 8.30am. If you have a child in Nursery/Reception and higher up in the school, please take your older child/ren with you as you drop off your youngest child. Children who are in Year 3/4 will be able to walk down the back path at 8.30am, as you drop off your younger child at Nursery/Reception. If you have a child in Year 5/6 they will also be able to walk with you and then go into school via the hall door, after you have dropped off any Nursery/Reception children.

If your child is in Year 1/2, please arrive no earlier than 8.40am so that the Nursery and Reception parents have had chance to leave the school site.

We apologise for the confusion on the field side gate yesterday. The sign that said 'Front entrance only' had been left there from before summer and has now been taken down. Please remember to socially distance at this gate and if it looks busy, wait a few minutes. We will not close the gate until 8.50am which should give plenty of time for all Year 3/4 children to come in.

At home time, Year 4 parents will now be asked to leave the site via the playground and out of the front gate to avoid the congestion at the side gate.

It will just take a few days for us to all get used to the new system, but thank you for helping yesterday and being patient and waiting.

Lunchtime

Our new lunchtime routine ran very smoothly yesterday and again the children were amazing with the new system. All classes have been allocated a 25 minute slot for eating in the hall and 30 minutes for outdoor play. Children must remain seated at the table and therefore our packed lunches will be bringing some of their rubbish home with them.



A hot lunch is still available, although we have limited puddings available due to the children not being able to move around the hall. Therefore puddings will be biscuits/buns and yoghurts, on a rotation basis. All puddings are wrapped in individual bags so that there is no chance of pupils touching the food. We are only able to provide water at the moment as milk cannot be left out for long periods of time.

The revised lunch menu should now be on the school website and teachers will also send a copy via Seesaw. You will see that every Wednesday is now 'International Food Day' and we will be providing food from around the world for children to try. On a Wednesday class assembly, all classes will be learning about the country that has been chosen that week for food day. This is a way that we can learn about different countries customs, beliefs, traditions, food, flags and where in the world the country is situated.

Here is a list of the countries and food (*this will be on the Wednesday of each of the following weeks*):

Week	Country	Food
07.09.2020	England	Fish and Chips
14.09.2020	Mexico	Chilli (Meat and Vegetable)
21.09.2020	India	Curry
28.09.2020	Jamaica	Chicken
05.10.2020	Italy	Pizza
12.10.2020	Spain	Paella
19.10.2020	Egypt	Stew cobbler

Online learning

We will be continuing to upload work on a weekly basis for each class. This will go onto our school website, under your year group home learning page. The work that will be uploaded is to help cover basic skills in Literacy and Maths and will be the same work that children have completed in class. The idea is that you will be able to access work at home if your child is ever off for school due to an illness. It also gives children an opportunity to practise any of the basic skills that they have covered in class; sometimes children like to revisit learning as a way to reinforce and consolidate their understanding.

Year 3 will also be part of an exciting pilot for online learning as part of a new Trust initiative. During lockdown the Trust were fortunate enough to gain funding to create their own online learning platform for each school. Mr Newton has been part of the working party and will be sending further details in few weeks. We are really excited to be taking part and hope this will be a way of children accessing basic skills at home.



PE

This term every class will be doing the 'daily mile' for their PE lessons, in the first instance. We are a small school and do not have access to the hall as this has to remain set up for lunchtime to help with cleaning and the staggered times for lunch.

Year 1/2 children will have 1 session of 'Go Scoot' or 'Pre-Pedal' as this is their usual PE for this term. They DO NOT need a PE kit for this and will do it in their normal school clothes.

Once we have got all our new systems embedded then class teachers may choose to do an additional PE lesson. They will inform you that your child needs to come to school in their PE kit for the day. We will give you plenty of notice and on the specified day, your child will be asked to wear their PE Kit for the day. This will be their winter kit, which consists of; yellow/white t-shirt, black jogging bottoms and a black hoody/zip up fleece jacket.

Again, thank you for your support and patience. These are strange times for us all but together we can do this! If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact your class teacher via Seesaw.

Have a great week!

Miss Howard