



Wednesday 15th July 2020

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

As the most strange and unprecedented school year of my career comes to an end I am writing to you to summarise recent months and to provide information about a full return to school in September.

Firstly, the response to school closure, the high level of remote learning and the hard work of our whole school community, staff, parents and pupils has been absolutely magnificent. In an extremely short space of time staff and families entered the 'online learning world' and embraced it as effectively as circumstances have allowed. I would defy any school to have such rates of interaction on learning, supporting families with free school meals and resources etc as well as supporting the recent re-opening of the school over a number of phased intakes. I am immensely proud to be Headteacher and honoured to lead such a school collaborative that has the very best interests of children at its heart.

The school year 2019/20 has been such a different year to previous ones and the children's 'Lockdown Poems' will always be there as a record of what happened. The poetry anthology will be incorporated within our School Yearbook which will also have the records of such a momentous year for Historians to look back on. For every year that Beckstone Primary has been open, we have created an archive volume containing minutes of all meetings, all newsletters, photos of children and staff as well as many other things and I have a definite feeling it is this year's soon to be bound edition that will be the most referred to in the future.

Covid aside this year has also been witness to the very sad passing of our much loved colleague Mrs Wright who we all miss terribly as I am sure the children she has worked with do too. Mrs Sutton & Mrs McKeating also left this year and it is now ending with the retirements of Mr Wilson (Computing) and Mr Milner (Music) who have both worked at the school since it opened in 2005 and both will be greatly missed. Finally, we are also saying goodbye to our Year 6 children as they move on to Secondary school. We are holding a socially distanced graduation event for them on Wednesday this week so the children all get to be 'together' as a group for the final time, have their 'rite of passage' and receive their graduation diplomas, dictionaries and individual photos as well as pose for a group graduation photograph for the school corridor.

It is now to be hoped that the next academic year 2020/21 will be less eventful and that we will return to a 'new normal'. If there is a second spike (and let's hope not) and further closures occur we are now very well placed now to quickly change operations for the period of closure. With this in mind, I want to share some important information with regard to school opening in September. The expectation is that all pupils will return as normal and we are putting a series of measures in place to ensure that we comply with all guidance and that the school is a safe environment for both pupils and staff. There will be procedural changes and start and finish time changes but we will do our utmost to make school a place of joy with learning and progress at its heart.



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Please take time to read and absorb the information on the following pages and keep this letter safe for re-referral towards the end of the Summer holidays. There may be subsequent changes as the Government has said it will review the guidance it has issued on the 11th August so we may be in touch again via the website with text information to let you know that some new details are there.

Points to note:

- Term starts on Wednesday 2nd September for all pupils apart from Reception and Nursery children who have a phased return as we have been unable to run transition events and these will take place at the start of next term. All Early Years families have been issued with the phased dates and all Early Years pupils will start full time on Monday 14th September.
- The 'Stage Bubbles' will also have different start and end times and these are shown on the infographic (later in this letter) as are play and lunchtimes. Please stick to these times and make sure you are prompt.
- We will need EY (Nursery & Reception) & KS1 (Y1 & Y2) to access and leave the school through the front gate and KS2 (Years 3 to 6) through the back gate. We realise this will involve some children walking round to the back gate only to walk to the front again but it is a measure to keep the 'wider bubbles' apart. **All children will need to wash their hands before entering the building** and there are 5 external hand washing stations now installed in the KS1 yard, KS2 yard and in the Reception/Nursery area.
- There will be no temperature checks on arrival under the September guidance.
- As children will be moving around the car parks to keep their 'wider bubbles' separate from others the school gates will be locked to vehicles from 8.30am to 9.30 and 2.30 to 3.30pm
- Parents are requested not to enter school grounds and to drop children off at the gates using the 'One Way' system as shown on the infographic.
- Our extended services will re-start from the children's return and Breakfast Club (costs are £4.00 from 7.30am and £3.50 from 8am, cash or vouchers– please note no access after 8.30am) and Beckstone Xtra (cost £3.50 per hour) will be zoned along the lines of the 'wider bubbles'. Children need to wash hands in the sinks to the right of the Breakfast Club door before coming in and may have to socially distance queue.. The Breakfast Club entrance will now also be the exit point for Beckstone Xtra which will now also be based in the dining hall. There will only be 2 Beckstone Xtra collection times, 4.15 or 5.15 pm.
Educare re-starts when Nursery are fully back on Monday 14th September (for 30 hour entitlement lunch costs £1.50, non 30 hour costs are £10 until 2.10pm including lunch and the an extra £3.50 up to 3.10pm) will start in the first day back too. Due to keeping 'wider bubbles' as separate as possible there will be no 1.10pm collection and strict collection times of 2.10pm and 3.10pm. Collection will be from the windy path gate.
- Classes will be in their 'own bubbles' but will on occasion mix within a 'wider bubble' of their Stage (Early Years, Year 1 & 2, Year 3 & 4 and Year 5&6 – 4 stages). Wider bubble mixing will be limited but will happen at playtimes and lunchtimes.
- Play and lunchtimes will be staggered so the yards can be easily shared with the wider bubbles and lunches will be served in the 2 different halls at different times.
- The guidance strongly discourages items coming to and from school so these will be limited to coats and book bags/rucksacks. Unfortunately playtime toys will not be allowed at the moment. Water bottles will be welcomed at the start of term but these need to remain in school and will be topped up regularly with water, please wean your child off juice over the summer if they won't drink water.
- We strongly encourage all children to have school dinners (these will continue to be priced at £2.20 for those not eligible for universal – YR, Y1 & Y2 - or benefits related free school meals) to support families at this difficult time. This is payable by ParentPay) and discourage packed lunches at this time as hard surfaces can carry Covid and in socially distancing staff would be unable to help with the opening of some items. They can only be stored in lockers away from other children.

- Milk will continue to be available free to children in early years and eligible for free school meals or at a cost of £9.50 for the first half term paid via ParentPay by Friday 4th September.
- Fruit will continue to be sold for a mid-morning snack at a cost of 20p or £1 a week. Fruit will not be sold from a trolley but will be available in classrooms.
- Hand washing will take place at many points across the school day.
- There will be regular disinfectant wiping of surfaces throughout the day as well as deep cleaning at night.
- Pupils will be expected to wear full school uniform (school sweatshirt/cardigan, light blue T shirt, dark trousers and dark shoes) and have no jewellery apart from stud ear-rings and watches.
- PE Kit needs to be brought into school and kept in a child's locker, it can go home half termly for washing.
- Sadly under the guidance assemblies are not allowed. As a result plans for Harvest and indeed Christmas are now on hold.
- The Government has confirmed that attendance is compulsory and the usual attendance procedures will apply. However, if your child has been given clinical guidance please can you contact school in September and we will discuss how we can support you.
- If your child has any symptoms (high temperature, loss of taste or smell or a new consistent cough) then DO NOT send them into school but instead contact school at the first instance. Also if any children show symptoms at school we will contact you right away. Public Health England guidance will be followed and the flow chart later in this letter explains all the procedures.
- The September newsletter will go out on Monday 7th September and will detail any tweaks to the organisation needed after a few days of operation into the new term.

With regard to teaching and learning we are planning the following from September:

- We will identify gaps in children's learning and re-establish good progress in the 'essentials' (phonics and reading, increasing vocabulary, writing and maths)
- We will identify opportunities across the curriculum so children can read widely
- We will develop their knowledge and vocabulary
- We will focus on supporting children's emotional wellbeing and help them to adapt to the new 'normal'
- We will continue to teach a broad and balanced curriculum that incorporates all areas of the National Curriculum.
- Topics studied in the Autumn term will be as follows (you may wish to do some research on these with your child over the Summer prior to the starting), these are available on our web site from the 1st August and if you click on the images you will find out in more detail what your child will be studying:

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2
	Democracy Rules Week Off by Heart Choral Performance	
Nursery	Why do leaves go crispy? 	Where does snow go? 
Reception	Why do squirrels hide their nuts? 	What's that sound? 
Year 1 & 2	Memory Detectives 	
Year 3 & 4	Ancient Egypt 	
Year 5 & 6	Darwin's Delights 	

We will send out details about how parents' evenings will work next term.

Following this letter are the infographic on how the school will be organised and a flow chart.

Again can I thank each and every one of you for your support this year, knowing we have such supportive families has been a real comfort to me.

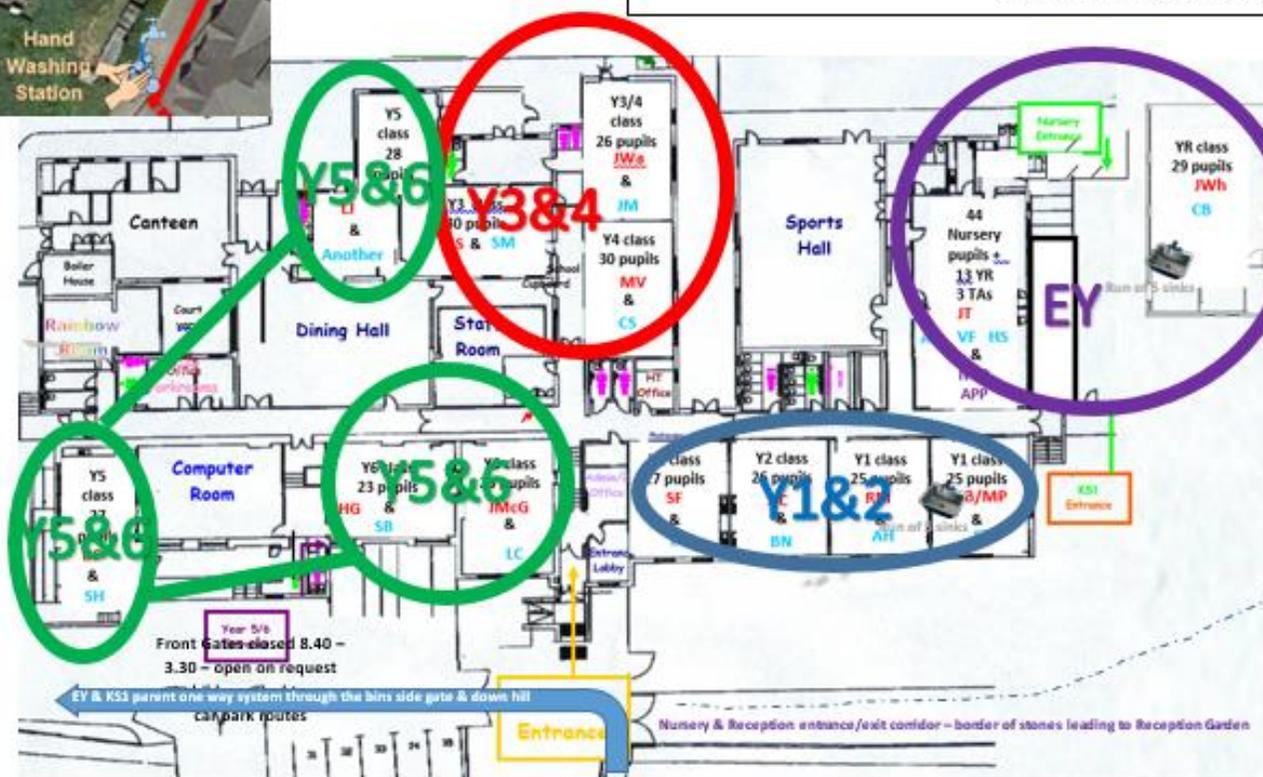
Kindest regards,

Mr Warbrick
Headteacher

September 2020 Opening

One way system – Come to back via path to right of gate and then exit to the left and back round to the back path

Back Gate – Start & End Times – UKS2 (Y5&6) – 8.50 – 3.05 Line up & wash hands class in turn. 5LJ enter room, 5DP round side, Y6 round front
 LKS2 (Y3&4) 9.00 – 3.15 Line up & wash hands class in turn. 3/4JWa enter room, 3LS & 4MV through rear conservatory



Stages	Play #1 10.15 – 10.30	Play#2 10.35 – 10.50	Lunch#1 11.15 – 12.15 Classes will be staggered in	Lunch #2 12.15 – 1.15 Classes will be staggered in
EY			Eat 11.30 Sports Hall apart from Thursday which will be a picnic lunch day in rooms then Play in Gardens	
KS1	Front Yard			Eat 12.15 Sports Hall then Play in Front Yard – come in earlier on Wed & Fri to allow Nursery dancing from 12.50 - 12.20
LKS2	Back Yard		Play from 11.15 Back Yard Eat from 11.45 Dining Hall	
UKS2		Back Yard		Eat 12.15 Dining Hall then Play in Back Yard

One way system – Up the windy path, across the front of the school, through the side gate and back downhill or up to back

Front Gate – Start & End Times – Y2: 8.50 – 3.00; Y1: 8.55 – 3.05 Children line up at start of day in yard and once line complete they wash hands and go in, parents say goodbye at gate
 EYFS: Reception 9.10 – 3.10 Nursery: 9.15 – 3.15 Parents say goodbye at gate and children wash hands outside new Nursery.





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School response to suspected or confirmed COVID-19 infection

<p>What will happen if my child displays symptoms at home or at school?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ If your child displays symptoms at home they must not come into the school and must self-isolate at home for a period of 7 days and arrange to book a test. ❖ If your child develops symptoms at school they will be isolated from the other children whilst waiting for collection – <u>please ensure that we have up to date emergency contact details.</u> ❖ Staff and other members of the ‘bubble’ can remain in school at this point.
<p>How do I book a test?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ During school hours school staff can arrange a test through using the Cumbria County Council COVID-19 helpline. ❖ Online through the NHS testing and tracing for coronavirus website ❖ By telephone via NHS 119 for those without access to the internet. ❖ From September Schools will have home testing kits that can be given to parents.
<p>Why is it important to tell school about my child’s test results?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Schools have to inform the local health protection team if a child or staff member has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19). ❖ It is also important so that members of staff and other children from that bubble can take appropriate action.
<p>What will happen if the test is <u>positive</u>?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ If your child tests positive, they should stay at home and self-isolate for at least 7 days from the start of their symptoms and then only return to school if they <u>do not</u> have symptoms other than cough or loss of sense of smell/taste (e.g. high temperature, sickness or diarrhoea). This is because a cough or anosmia can last for several weeks once the infection has gone. The 7-day period starts from the day when they first became ill. ❖ If your child still has a high temperature, they should stay at home until their temperature returns to normal. ❖ Other members of your household should self-isolate for a full 14 days – this is in case they develop symptoms.



<p>What will happen if the test is <u>negative</u>?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ If your child tests negative, they feel well and no longer have symptoms similar to coronavirus (COVID-19), they can come back to school. ❖ Please bear in mind that they could still have another virus, such as a cold or flu – in which case it is still best to avoid contact with other people until they are better.
<p>What will the Health Protection Team do?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ This team will carry out a rapid risk assessment to confirm who has been in close contact with the person during the period that they were infectious, and ensure they are asked to self-isolate.
<p>Will my child be sent home if someone in their bubble tests positive?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ If a child has tested positive the health protection team will guide schools through the actions they need to take. ❖ This may include sending home other children and staff who have been in close contact with the person who has tested positive. ❖ If this is the case your child will need to stay at home for 14 days but other members of the household do not need to self-isolate unless your child develops symptoms. ❖ If your child develops symptoms you will need to book a test (see above). ❖ If your child's test is negative they must still stay at home for the rest of the 14 day period. This is because they had been in close contact with the first person who was sent home with a positive result and your child may still develop the coronavirus symptoms. ❖ If your child's test is positive then please advise school and keep your child at home for 7 days from the beginning of their symptoms. At this point the rest of your household must begin a 14 day isolation.

This information is taken from the www.gov.uk document Education and childcare during coronavirus, Guidance for full opening – schools, published 2nd July 2020.

Please note: The information provided may change in line with current government guidance.