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Return to School 2nd September 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that this letter finds you and your family safe and well. This letter contains important details regarding your child/ren returning to school on Thursday 2nd September. <u>Please ensure that you read</u> the whole letter carefully.

If you require support with reading this letter, please contact school from Wednesday 1st September we are happy to help.

Attendance

First of all, may I remind all parents and carers that school attendance for all pupils is statutory and that the school attendance system will be running as normal. Please follow normal school procedures for informing us via ParentApp if your child will be absent due to illness, or if they have medical appointments that they need to attend during the school/nursery day.

Covid Procedures

Returning to school, the safety of our pupils and our staff continues to be of the utmost importance and remains our main priority. As a result, we will continue to teach the children the importance of hand washing and using handsan to protect them from viruses. Staff will continue to wear masks/visors when required and we will continue to promote social distancing, until we can be assured that it is safe to return to our normal routines in school. Until further notice, children will continue to mix with less pupils than under normal circumstances.

Dropping Off and Collecting From School

Staggered drop off and pick up times have changed and we are returning to more normal start and finish times for all school children. Nursery children will continue with their usual start and finish times. From 2nd September, parents and carers are invited to wait in Zones on our playgrounds at drop off and collection times. Morning drop-offs should be quicker than last year and it is expected that it will mainly be families with children in Reception/Key Stage 1 *and also* in Key Stage 2, who will need to wait in a Zone in the morning.





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For collecting children at the end of the day, we ask that parents and carers use their best judgement when using the Zone Waiting Areas, since there may be some unavoidable crossover at Reception/Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 collection times. Wherever possible, we ask that parents and carers follow the timetabled times for their child's year group.

Year Group	Waiting Zone	Start Time	Finish Time
Nursery	Nursery Main Door	9:00 a.m.	3:00 p.m.
Reception	Zone 1	8:50 a.m. 3:05 p.m.	
Year 1	Zone 2		2:05 p m
Year 1/2	Zone 3		5.05 p.m.
Year 2	Zone 3		
Year 3	Zone 2	8:45 a.m. 3:15 p.m.	
Year 4	Zone 3		
Year 5	Year 5 Door		5.15 p.m.
Year 6	Main Entrance		

See the table below for Zones and Start/Finish Times:

Bridging the Learning Gap

As always, our primary aim for the start of the school year will be to nurture your child, to ensure that they feel happy and safe being back at school and nursery, however as a school we are aware of the gap in learning, which has been created by the Covid-19 pandemic situation.

Last academic year, teaching staff began a Catch-Up Programme. This programme will continue to run throughout this academic year for those children identified as requiring additional support. The curriculum will continue to provide opportunities for all children to embed skills and knowledge from the previous school year, along with the new skills and knowledge they will acquire this year.

Early Birds and Bridges

Children who currently have a place for Early Birds and Bridges are welcome to use this service from 2nd September. If you require a place, but do not have one, please email <u>bebridges@cidari.co.uk</u> or telephone the school office and we will endeavour to support you.



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Uniform

All children must wear their full school uniform to school and must follow school rules regarding jewellery, hairstyles and hair accessories; please see the school website for more information. Children can bring a coat and a *small* bag/school reading bag to carry their reading book to and from school. On their PE day, pupils are asked to continue to wear their school PE kit to school (see note and P.E. Timetable below).

Personal Items

Children must NOT bring any other personal items into school: no pencil cases or books from home are needed, thank you. Mobile phones are only allowed in school for those children in Years 5 and 6, whose parents and carers have written to myself for permission to bring the phone into school.

P.E.

On P.E. day, we ask that your child comes to school in tracksuit bottoms, P.E. t-shirt and their school cardigan/jumper. The pupils will do all of their P.E. in one afternoon each week, to minimise pupils having to come to school in tracksuits on more than one occasion in a week. The PE Days are stated below:

P.E. Timetable		
Reception	Tuesday	
Year 1	Monday	
Year 1 / 2	Wednesday	
Year 2	Monday	
Year 3	Wednesday	
Year 4	Tuesday	
Year 5	Tuesday	
Year 6	Friday	

Lunches

For this half term, Key Stage 2 packed lunches will be eaten in classrooms; Reception and Key Stage 1 packed lunches will be eaten in the Dining Room. All children who have a hot school meal will eat in the Dining Room with their year group and one other year group.



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Breaktimes

Each year group will take a morning break with one other year group, other than Reception, who will have their own play as part of their learning.

Online Classrooms

Online classrooms will continue to be used as part of our curriculum and for homework.

Safeguarding

A copy of our Covid Policy and Risk Assessment is available on our website, you can find them through this link <u>Policies</u>.

It should be noted that mobile phones must not be used when you are on the school premises, due to safeguarding restrictions.

Parking

As I have requested in the past, please do not park on the yellow lines outside of school. They are there for the safety and protection of your children.

Our School Mission Statement and Twelve Core Values

I'd like to finish by reflecting on our Mission Statement and Values, which inform, guide and support us in everything that we do and is modelled by all members of the Baines' Academy community: staff, pupils, parents and carers and governors.

The information included in this letter is current at the time of my sending it to you. I will monitor the information from the government closely and will contact all parents and carers with any relevant updates or amendments.

Myself and all of the staff are really looking forward to seeing all of the children back in school this Thursday, for what we hope will be an exciting and enjoyable year of fun experiences, which help our children grow as young people.

Yours sincerely

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