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Dear Parents and Carers

I wanted to write to you all as we approach the reopening of school to share the key arrangements for children as they return to school next week. May I also take this opportunity to thank you all for the warm and positive welcome I have received already from families, either over email or through the school Facebook Page.

As a reminder, on the reverse of this letter is the plan for the drop off and pick up routines for children and there will be a further explanatory video on our school Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/BirdsedgeFirstSchool>.

Additionally, here are the dates and times for children coming back to school:

Tuesday 8th September: 8:45am doors open for all children in Year 1 – Year 5

Wednesday 9th September: Reception new starter children initial transition visit 8:45am – 11:30am

Thursday 10th September: Reception new starter children second visit and stay for lunch 8:45am – 12:30pm

Friday 11th September: Reception new starter children stay for full day 8:45am – 3:30pm

We are delighted to be welcoming all children back to school next week and through our 'Reconnect Curriculum' will be working towards achieving three key things with pupils over the first few weeks:

Reset our **S**afety and **R**ecover our **W**ellbeing...
...so we can **R**ebuild our **L**earning.



Being a small setting, we will be working as one whole school bubble but putting in place the following features to keep everyone as safe and happy as possible:

- Keeping visitors in school to a minimum. Those visitors who must enter school we have a visitor policy in place and will provide masks.
- Reducing large numbers of children together at any time to ensure social distancing can be encouraged and achieved. We will ensure only 1 class moves through corridors at a time and no more than two classes in the hall or on the same area of the playground at breaks.
- In older classes desks are set up to allow children to work facing forwards rather than face to face.
- Hand washing with soap and water will be built into daily routines for all children, especially when they enter and exit the classroom and before eating.
- Any frequently touched surfaces such as table tops and door handles will be cleaned regularly during the day.
- We have planned a three-week whole school theme for all classes that focus' on developing children's wellbeing, ensuring children are feeling safe and happy in school and provide regular opportunities for children to be supported emotionally should they need it.
- During the theme mentioned above, teachers will be carrying out baselines to establish where children are at in their learning and identify any gaps that need to be addressed. Teaching will then focus on closing these gaps, putting interventions in place and supporting children to move forwards in their learning.

In the absence of being able to have gatherings in school at present, I will be using the school Facebook page every week to keep families informed and involved with what is happening in school. Please do give the page a 'like' if you haven't already.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss any of the above points further, please do not hesitate to contact me at dwaddington@themast.co.uk or by the school phone number once school is open.

Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Kindest Regards

Mrs D Waddington. Headteacher





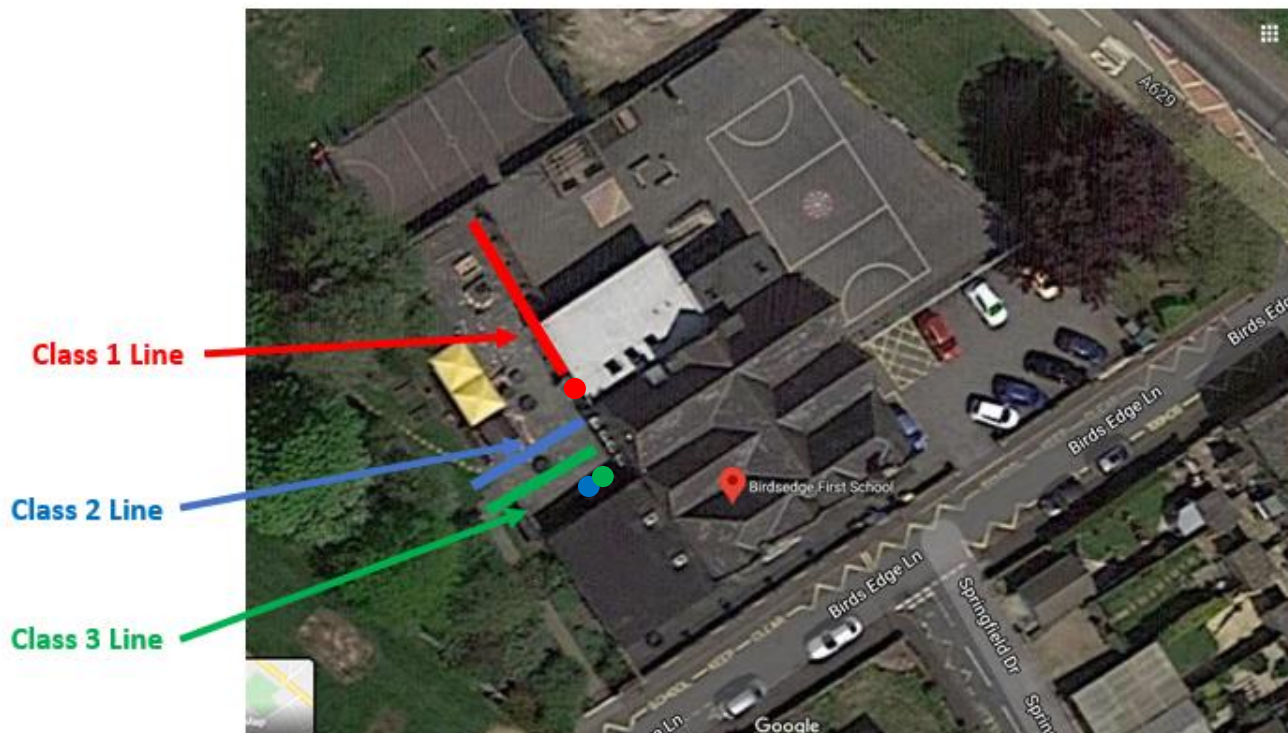
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Drop off and Pick Up arrangements September 2020

To ensure the safety of both adults and children during the start and end of the school day, we need to make sure there are opportunities for social distancing as much as possible. We ask that you read the notes below carefully and try to follow at all times.



1. At the start of the school day children will line up in the areas shown by the three colour coded lines above. Doors will be opened promptly at 8:45am and remain open until 8:50am for all children to enter their classrooms. Class 1 children will enter with their teacher through the door directly into their classroom and Class 2 and 3 with their teachers through the blue doors (all shown by the colour coded dots above).
2. Please allow for social distancing as much as possible by using all the outdoor space around the lines if you are waiting slightly prior to 8:45am.
3. At the end of the school day, children will line up inside with their teacher at the door they entered at the start of the day. Teachers will dismiss children to the areas where they lined up, therefore it would help if you could wait in the space allocated for your child's class to make this as smooth as possible.
4. If you need to talk a member of staff about anything, at either of these times, please make your way round to the main reception door where I can meet you to talk. This will help avoid any crowding and ensure social distancing can be maintained.

I will be on the doors myself each morning to monitor how this arrangement goes for the first week and address any issues or difficulties we have. So please do not hesitate to give me any feedback or share your thoughts.

