

Whitefield Primary School

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BACK TO SCHOOL – SEPTEMBER 2020

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW / DO / THINK ABOUT / TALK ABOUT

The way different schools implement the government requirements and guidance will differ based on individual school circumstance. At Whitefield we aim to provide a broad and balanced curriculum with measures put in place to minimise the risk of spreading COVID-19.

We are operating 'year group bubbles' with an aim that children and staff have minimal contact with others outside of their immediate bubble unless absolutely necessary.

Your child will be in a class bubble for the majority of their day. For most children, they will only mix with children in their own class and the parallel year group class.

Some children will need to use BOLA breakfast club and after school club – these children will therefore have to mix with a BOLA bubble as well as their normal class/year group bubble. The government guidelines say this is necessary in order for school to operate as normally as possible and to enable parents to go back to working your normal work hours.

We are operating flexible drop off times from 8.30am until 9am – this has worked particularly well in the summer term with the Y6 children in their bubbles as it reduces the volume of people coming in and out of school at the same time.

All children will be dropped off and picked up from the classroom external door – look at the classroom map (enclosed).

We are operating flexible pick up times from 3pm until 3.30pm – just turn up at the external classroom door and your child will be ready for you!

Look at the school classroom map and see where your new classroom is. Look at how you are going to walk to the external door for drop off and pick up.

Familiarise your child with their new teacher and teaching assistant by looking at their photo on the school website.

Children now need to wear school uniform. We will be using the field for playtimes and lunchtimes so we can be spaced out so ensure they are sent in appropriate footwear – they may get their shoes mucky.

Your child will find out their PE days on the first day – they will come to school on PE days in their PE kit, ensuring it is weather appropriate and appropriate to the PE skills and remain in their kit all day.

Lunchtimes – the children will eat their lunch in their classrooms. The kitchen will be providing a cold packed lunch which will be delivered to the classrooms. Hot school meals are not available at present. For children in R, Y1 and Y2, these packed lunches are free through the universal free school meal initiative. You can choose not to have one of these packed lunches and send your child in with their own home made packed lunch. Children in KS2 can buy a cold packed lunch from the kitchen for the usual cost of £2.30.

Families who access FSM in KS2 will receive a school packed lunch for free. Please note, packed lunches must not include any EGG products or NUT products due to severe allergies in school.

Playtimes – the children will access outdoor spaces for playtimes and lunch play on a rota basis in their year groups. No contact games to start with, sorry! We will be talking to the children about the type of games they can play.

Handwashing – the children will wash their hands regularly throughout the day. We expect to hear singing, counting, and more singing throughout school!

Toileting – the children will use the usual toilets for their class. Only one child can go at a time.

1st aid will be available in each classroom rather than the 1st aid station. The teachers will wear masks, gloves and aprons when administering 1st aid – we will explain this to your child at the time. All first aid will be recorded as is normal procedure.

Each child will have a plastic wallet with their stationary in – no home pencil cases can be brought in.

Your child will sit in the same seat every day. The KS1 and 2 seating arrangements are similar to the norm with children sat in a forward facing layout.

We have planned a great curriculum for you – you'll be doing your maths and English, your science and RE, your PE, art, history, everything! Just like it was before.

At the moment we can't have visitors coming in to school unless it is for essential work. So our visits and trips plans are on hold at the moment.

We also can't have our fantastic volunteers in school yet. We will let you know as soon as you can come back to us!

If your child gets poorly in school, we will contact you and you will need to come and pick them up. If it's COVID-19 symptoms you will need to take them for a test. Further details in the risk assessment document.

If any of your family get ill and need to take a COVID-19 test, please let us know.

As we work through the first few days, we may need to make changes. We will let you know these via the app, email, Facebook and the website.

Government guidance is changing constantly – please regularly check your app, email and facebook for updates to our procedures.