

Beechwood Primary School

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Back to School on 4th January

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas, albeit a bit different I'm sure, to the one you had planned after we were placed in tier 4 a few days before Christmas.

Following the Governments review and announcement yesterday, I am writing to confirm that whilst we are currently remaining in Tier 4, Wokingham primary schools will be reopening next week, as planned.

Therefore, Beechwood Primary School will be open to ALL pupils on Monday 4th January.

I understand this is a worrying time for everyone as we are now dealing with a new variant of the original COVID strain, the number of positive cases is increasing and pressure on the NHS is once again mounting, so I wanted to take this opportunity to remind you of our Covid Safe measures that will be in place with vigilance across the school.

From 4th January;

- Children will continue to work in their 'bubbles'.
- Lunchtimes and playtimes will continue to be staggered.
- Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 pupils will continue to eat their lunch in their classrooms.
- Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 pupils will continue to sit in forward facing rows in their classrooms.
- Face coverings will continue to be worn by all adults in school.
- Unless exempt, parents and guardians should wear a face covering at all times when on the school site.
- Our twenty-minute drop off (8.30-8.50am) and pick up (3.10-3.30pm) window will remain in place.
- Parents will be encouraged to keep to the left on the walkway and leave the school site as soon as they have picked up their children.
- Our strict cleaning regime will be being maintained at the highest standard throughout the school.

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- Our quarantine periods will remain in place for reading books and homework.
- Children will be required to wash and sanitise their hands on arrival, before coming home and regularly throughout the day.
- Classrooms will be well ventilated throughout the day.
- Staff will be teaching from the front of the classroom where possible.
- Good social distancing will be encouraged and maintained wherever possible between individuals in school.

We will continue to be extremely vigilant around the signs or symptoms of COVID. Any child or staff member showing any symptoms must remain at home and not attend school. They must also obtain a COVID test straight away. We would also ask that you inform us of the result as soon as you receive it.

If you are in any doubt about your child's illness, we would ask that you air on the side of caution and keep your child at home so they can be monitored.

Once again, we would like to discourage any unnecessary items coming in and out of school, so please ensure your child does not bring anything but essential items into school. Large bags and/or rucksacks should not be brought into school.

All children will be expected to adhere to the Covid home school agreement that was signed and sent back to school by families earlier in the year. For the health and safety of all pupils and staff, we will not tolerate behaviour which does not adhere to these rules.

At the very end of last term we reviewed the use of our outside space to ensure all children are on the playground rather than the field for break times and lunchtimes, as part of the field were becoming very slippery. Therefore from Monday the children will not be using the field at break time or lunchtime but, may still use the field during their P.E. sessions.

Should anything change or there be any further announcements between now and Monday, I will be in contact again. However, if not, enjoy the remainder of the break and we will see you on Monday.

Wishing you all a very happy new year.

Kind regards,



Miss S E Hunter
Headteacher
Beechwood Primary School