

Bapchild & Tonge CE (Aided) Primary School and Nursery

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Dear Parents

I hope you have all had a good summer break and managed to do some fun activities as a family. We are really looking forward to welcoming back our whole school community on Thursday 2nd September 2021 and our new Reception children from Monday 6th September 2021.

As we move back to a relatively 'normal' school feel, I felt it would be useful to outline some of the things that we will be keeping the same as previously and some small changes. Many of the measures that were in place have been removed, however there are key measures that still have to be implemented:

- Individuals will need to isolate if they have COVID symptoms or test positive
- Ventilation of spaces e.g. classrooms
- Enhanced cleaning and hygiene e.g. hand sanitising

Arrangements are detailed below:

Area	Arrangements
Start and end of the day	The playground will be open for families/children to gather from 8.30 am with the children lining up in year groups from 8.45 am. They will be collected by their class teacher/TA with registration at 8.55 am. Year groups will gather on: • Nursery – Line up from KS2 playground • Reception – Outside Reception door • Years 1 and 2 – KS1 playground • Years 3 – 6 – KS2 playground The school day ends at 3.15 pm and children can be collected from the same playgrounds/doors and dismissed by their class adult.
Car parks and entrances	Please be mindful of safety when dropping off children or using the village hall car park. We will be opening the gate at the top of Ashted Drive which will help alleviate traffic congestion but please do be respectful of our school neighbours.
Office	Ideally please send notes/money in with your child or please continue to drop off in the box provided at the office.



School Dinners	The Contract Dining Company and the school will be offering hot meals. School dinner money should be passed to the class teacher by the child and not handed to the office. You can also continue to pay online.
Breakfast Club	To support working parents the school will have one breakfast club. This will be staffed by our Breakfast Club staff. Please indicate in advance your use by following the link below https://forms.gle/8mug1Ec2VP4BVwtj9
Attendance	All children should return to school on Thursday 2 nd September (with the exception of Year R)
PE Kits	As it has been so successful, each class will have PE twice a week and will wear PE kits on these days. We will let you know next week which days each year group has PE.
Individual equipment	Children can have small pencil cases but we will provide stationery for them to use. Please avoid bringing in bags where possible as this has worked really well and stopped congestion in the corridors. Lunchboxes and drinks can still be brought in with lunchboxes being put on the trolleys for KS2 and racks in the corridor for KS1. We will be actively discouraging bags as they have caused historical storage problems etc.
Wellington Boots	KS2 children should bring in Wellington Boots to wear on the field so that it reduces crowding on the playground at break and lunchtimes.
Clubs	Clubs will restart week beginning 13 th September with a further letter to follow.
Year Group Assemblies	We hope that we will be able invite parents to come and join worships/assemblies with details on the calendar. Class worships will start at 9.05 am.

After almost 18 months of disruption, I would like to thank you again for your support and flexibility. It will feel strange moving away from some of our previous arrangements and I hope I have covered some of the important points.

I do hope you and the children enjoy the rest of your break. Please let the children know from me how excited the adults and I are about them returning to school.

Yours sincerely

C Kelly

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Headteacher