



Bapchild & Tonge CE (Aided) Primary School and Nursery

Headteacher: Mr C Kelly

School Lane
Bapchild
Kent ME9 9NL

email: office@bapchild.kent.sch.uk

Tel: 01795 424143

1st April 2021

Dear Parents

As the fourth term draws to a close, I wanted to update you about next term's arrangements as we said that we would review the systems in place and make any adjustments needed in one go.

Firstly, I would like to thank you all for your support in this time. I feel the arrangements have consistently worked well since our return with social distancing on the playgrounds generally being followed. Children have remained in their bubbles and they have managed this very well with their behaviour and conduct being superb! Our staff have also been amazing as well and again have worked additional hours and gone the extra mile and we are extremely grateful for this.

Following a review of the arrangements, and bearing in mind the national position, many of the procedures that we have put in place will continue in term 5. There will be, however, a few changes and these arrangements will come into force at the start of next term.

Area	Changes/Additional Arrangements
Staggered start and end times	No change to arrangements for Year R, 2 - 6. Parents should endeavour to adhere to their child/ren's year group times to ensure social distancing is effective. * Nursery children/parents will wait on the Key Stage 2 playground and then funnel through the cones to the Nursery ramp where they will be greeted by Nursery staff. They will then come down the steps and leave through the one-way system.* * Year 1 children/parents will move to the other side of the Key Stage 2 playground and wait for a staff member there.*
Office	No change to arrangements. No parent or pre-school child will be allowed access to school toilets.
School Dinners	Contract Dining Company and the school will continue to offer hot meals. School dinner money should be passed to the class teacher by the child and not handed to the office. If you wish to pay by BACS, please ask the school office for the school's bank details.
Breakfast Clubs	To support working parents the school has set up individual class breakfast clubs. These will be staffed by TAs or Breakfast Club staff. Bookings must be made in advance.
PE Kits	Each class will have PE twice a week and therefore they should wear PE kits on these days. We will let you know which days each year group has PE next week.



Individual equipment	Children will be provided with equipment e.g. pencils and pens and therefore do not need pencil cases. They should avoid bringing in bags where possible but lunchboxes and drinks can still be brought in. We have noticed lots of children are bringing in sweet drinks. As a healthy school we discourage this and will remind the children on their return in April. We will be actively discouraging bags as they cause potential storage problems etc.
Wellington boots/old shoes/trainers	Whilst we can safely use the field at break and lunchtime we will endeavour for Key Stage 2 children to do this. Please provide Wellington boots or older trainers that you do not mind getting wet and muddy. These will be stored at school in plastic bags.
Clubs	No plan to restart clubs due to bubbles mixing until Term 6.
Residential	The Department for Education has given the green light for overnight educational visits to go ahead from 17 May 2021. This means that the school can continue to plan for trips and the Year 6 residential.
Virtual events	We will continue to endeavour to provide opportunities for the families to access events remotely. Please ensure that you use your child's Google Account as this provides additional safeguarding.

Our successful return has been down to how the school and parents worked in true partnership.

Again, thank you for your support and I do hope you and the children enjoy the Easter break.

We will hopefully see you all on Tuesday 20th April 2021.

Yours sincerely

C Kelly

Mr C Kelly
Headteacher