



Bapchild & Tonge CE (Aided) Primary School

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Dear Parents

As the first 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.

Firstly, I would like to thank you all for your support in this time. I feel the arrangements have consistently worked well throughout the term with social-distancing on the playgrounds being followed. Children have remained in their bubbles and they have managed this very well. Their behaviour and their conduct has been superb and they should be very proud of themselves. Our staff have also been amazing as well. They have worked additional hours, been flexible in responding to the many demands placed upon them 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 2. There will, however, be 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 Years R, 2-6. Parents should endeavour to adhere to their child/ren's year group times to ensure social distancing is effective. *Year 1 children will be dropped off and picked up from the KS2 playground. This is to reduce the congestion outside the Reception and Year 1 doors.*
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 be offering hot meals. School dinner money should be passed to the class teacher by the child and not handed to the office. Please find attached letter from CDC. *Years 3 and 4 lunchtime will change to 12.30 – 1.30 so that it provides some flexibility with timings and avoids queuing.*
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 by following the link below:- https://forms.gle/XbXjDnFQHwMtTKdb6
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 next week which days each year group has PE.



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 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.*
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 half term break. We will hopefully see you all on Tuesday 3rd November.

Yours sincerely

C Kelly

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Headteacher