



Bapchild & Tonge CE (Aided) Primary School

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Dear Key Worker Parents and Carers

We hope that you and your family are keeping well – all our staff send you our very best wishes.

We are writing to you as you indicated you are in the key worker group of parents and may need childcare from the Monday 1st June 2020.

The school has been preparing to partially reopen to our Years R, 1 and 6 pupils from 1st June 2020 and as result we have spent a long time looking at current guidance. Re-opening to these year groups does have some effect on how we teach our key worker children as well.

If you are a key worker you can either opt for your child to be in full-time, part-time or not at all but we do need to know numbers so that we can plan provision.

To ensure social distancing principles, children will be taught in small groups that do not exceed 15 children. They will be located in the Year 3 or Year 4 classroom and will not be able to mix with any other year groups. Many of the same systems we have for the other year groups returning will be the same for key worker children. Any key worker children who are in Years R, 1 and 6 will be taught in their own classrooms.

If you do need childcare, please complete the survey by following the link below by Friday 22nd May 2020:

<https://forms.gle/q7gmkieEaTwcDP8>

FURTHER ARRANGEMENT DETAILS

Risk assessments

The school has worked on risk assessments and has published these on the website. There are currently five risk assessments produced for each area as each group has its own dynamics:

- Overall School risk assessment
- Reception class risk assessment
- Year 1 risk assessment
- Year 6 risk assessment
- Key Worker and Vulnerable children risk assessment

These will be updated and reviewed regularly but we wanted parents and staff to feel reassured that comprehensive risk assessments have been undertaken.

Social distancing

The government recognises that primary age children cannot be expected to remain 2m apart from each other and staff. Children in key worker classrooms will sit at their own individual desk in the class spaced 2m apart but this may be more flexible considering the age of the children. Staff will be proactive in trying to encourage social distancing but we recognise that this will be challenging.

Good Hygiene Practices & Cleaning

The school follows the DfE COVID-19: cleaning of non-healthcare settings guidance. The school has been actively procuring additional cleaning items. Staff and children will be encouraged to wash their hands thoroughly and more frequently than usual and use alcohol hand rub or sanitiser. They will wash hands on arrival at school, throughout the day, before and after eating, and after sneezing or coughing. They will also be encouraged not to touch their mouth, eyes and nose, but this cannot be guaranteed. We will also promote the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach when children cough or sneeze. Frequently touched surfaces will be cleaned regularly. Learning spaces will be well ventilated by leaving doors and windows open where possible. Children will be discouraged from sharing stationery and other equipment where possible. If play equipment/toys are used they will be cleaned if needed or cycled out of the classroom. PPE will be available to staff members to use for example if first aid is needed or a suspected outbreak but will not be regularly worn.

Staggered timings

The school will be operating staggered opening and closing times along with staggered breaks and lunchtimes. Currently the plan is:

- 8.45 am – 3.00 pm – Year 6, Key Worker and Vulnerable Children
- 9.00 am – 2.30 pm – Reception
- 9.15 am – 2.45 pm – Year 1

Drop-off and pick-up

It is essential that parents socially distance at drop-off and pick-up by standing at least 2m apart with all children being welcomed on the KS2 playground. We will be operating staggered drop-off and pick-up times and display posters etc. We will be operating **one parent** drop-off and pick-up and the parent **must accompany** their child.

It will not be possible to speak to the Class Teacher on collection or drop-off. Messages should be emailed to the office.

Breaktime/Lunchtime

Children will have access to the field and playgrounds to play in but will be limited to the children in their group. Again staggered break and lunchtime will be operated.

School Dinners

We are working with Contract Dining Company to provide hot school dinners. Uptake is currently low and it may not be possible to provide lunches but we will update you accordingly.



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Curriculum & Learning

Our first consideration will be the pupils' mental health and wellbeing. We will work hard to identify any pupil who may need additional support so that they are ready to learn. To support wellbeing, activities for children aim to be from a range of subjects, creative and fun, with learning taking place outside if suitable to the task.

Breakfast/After-school Clubs

The school will not be providing breakfast club or after-school clubs. This is to limit potential contact between groups.

Avoiding Contact with Anyone with Symptoms

No one with symptoms should attend school for any reason. Children, parents, carers and any visitors to the school will be told not to enter the school if they are displaying any symptoms of coronavirus.

Staff and children should not attend school if they have symptoms or are self-isolating due to symptoms in their household.

The government does not recommend adults or children wearing face covering or face mask in schools, nor does it recommend taking pupils' temperatures at the start of the school day.

There is a clear procedure for staff to follow if a child becomes unwell with symptoms at school, including sending the child home and isolating whilst waiting for collection.

There is a clear procedure for the school to follow if there is a confirmed case of coronavirus in the setting.

School Uniform

We feel that children should return to school wearing school uniform as this is normal for them but fully understand that they may have grown out of some clothing. Please do not specially buy any new clothing/school shoes but send them in something similarly appropriate. You will be notified of days when the children will be having PE and they will be able to come into school in sports kit.

Further guidance

There is a huge amount of guidance from the Department for Education/KCC regarding re-opening. If you wish to see further guidance please refer to www.gov.uk or the current planning document:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/preparing-for-the-wider-opening-of-schools-from-1-june>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june>

I do hope that this gives you the right level of information and confidence that the safety of our children, parents and staff is at the forefront of our planning. We wish you all the very best, stay safe and please keep in contact.

Yours sincerely

C Kelly

Christian Kelly
Headteacher