

BIRDLIP PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is lovely to begin easing the school back to normality as the country returns from Lockdown. The children are eager to become one community once again and it will certainly help with their well-being.

It is important to remain safe and we have taken the next steps slowly and safely. The risk of catching COVID-19 is currently low but we must ensure we maintain strict regime – particular concerning hygiene and ventilation. This letter summarises the procedure from Monday 17th May and the restrictions we will continue to enforce.

As ever though if you do have questions or comments please do get in touch with the school and we will be happy to help out.

Please ensure that you read and adhere to the following:

No parents/carers to enter the School buildings at any time without prior appointment.

Drop off:

- Entry will be through the school gates adjacent to the shelter from 8:30am until 8:45am – pupils can be left at any point between these times.
- Please observe social distancing whilst dropping off.
- Please drop your child/ren at the appropriate classroom door, observing social distancing at all times as you do so. EYFS pupils: small wooden gate to the EYFS playground; Year 5/6: middle door of the teaching block; Yr 3/4: teaching block door closest to the village hall carpark and Year 1/2: small wooden gate by the KS1 blue shelter outside Kingfishers class.
- Please exit through the small wooden gate to the village hall carpark.
- A member of staff will be on duty outside.

Pick up:

- Collection will be from 3:15 – 3:30pm pupils can be picked up at any point between these times. Staff will release your child to you from the relevant classroom door. Please also ensure that you arrive by 3:30pm to pick up your child/ren, failure to do so may result in them being placed in the Atlas after school club which might incur a charge.
- Please observe social distancing whilst waiting.

- Please be patient with us. Drop off/pick up may take longer but we are aiming to minimise the risks for everyone and enable us to keep the setting open.

Face Coverings:

- Staff and pupils, from Year3, may wear a face covering if they wish. This is no longer a requirement.
- Parents do not need to wear a mask dropping off and picking up children from school. Parents should not come into the school building.

What to bring/not bring:

- Please also send your child in with packed lunch (if not having a school dinner) and a book bag if they're in the lower year groups (EYFS – Yr 2)
- Please do not bring in **any** additional items from home e.g. toys, rucksacks. Your child has all the resources that they need in school
- Please ensure that your child is appropriately dressed for the outdoors as we will be spending a larger amount of time than usual outside – in particular please ensure that they have a decent raincoat with them as we will be outside for play unless it is dangerous to do so.

What happens in the event of a new Lockdown or a COVID-19 case at school?

- Should part or all of the school need to close again in the Autumn either due to a local outbreak of the virus or as part of a wider lockdown we will switch back to the online learning for those pupils even if the disruption is short lived in duration.

Symptoms:

- **Your child should not attend school under any circumstances if they are feeling unwell.**
- If anyone in your household displays COVID19 symptoms your child should not attend school and you should follow the self-isolation guidance provided by the government along with arranging a COVID-19 test. **You should also inform the school office as soon as possible.**
- If your child displays COVID-19 symptoms during the school day you will be asked to come and collect them immediately and they will be isolated (with a staff member) until you arrive.
- The school will not routinely inform parents when a pupil or member of staff goes for a COVID-19 test – there are likely to be a large number of these, the vast majority of which are likely to be negative. However, should a pupil or member of staff test positive for COVID-19 we will, of course, inform you all immediately.

Lunches:

- Pupils will be able to order hot lunches via Caterlink as normal although please note that the menu is slightly reduced from normal – see the school website for more details.
- Lunchtimes (and playtimes) will be staggered for the 2 different bubbles.

Handwashing:

- Handwashing will take place at regular intervals during the school day (including after breaks, toilet visits and before eating) – and always on entry to school in the morning.
- Pupils will be reminded and taught by staff on a regular basis of how and when to wash their hands appropriately including when they don't need to wash them (for some of our pupils the temptation / and or worry is that they need to wash them overly frequently). There will also be posters displayed around school with this information.
- Pupils will also be taught / reminded to 'catch' sneezes and coughs in the crook of their elbow.

The School day (in no particular order):

- Pupils will be able to bring school reading books home
- Forest school will still take place
- The school learning timetable has returned to normal.
- We will have a weekly assembly for the whole school outside. In the event of bad weather, each bubble will have their own assembly inside.
- P.E. will take place outdoors.
- School dinners will be in the lunch hall but held within 'bubbles' with a clean between each sitting.

Wrap around care provision:

- Breakfast club will run as usual but with pupils separated into the 2 bubbles.
- Atlas after school club will run as usual but with the pupils separated into 2 bubbles.
- There will be no free teacher led after school clubs through the Summer term.

As staff we will also be working hard to play our part in keeping your children, you and the wider school community safe and so along with the measures above staff will be following strict social distancing rules, particularly from one another, at all times.

If you have any questions regarding the above then please do get in contact with the school either via the school office admin@birdlip.gloucs.sch.uk tel. 01452 862331.

Kind regards,

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