



*Learning for Life*

## Fawbert & Barnard's Primary School

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Templefields Multi-Academy Trust

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Dear Year 1 Parent

### **PLAN FOR RE-OPENING FROM THE 2ND JUNE FOR YEAR 1 PUPILS**

I understand that many parents and carers may feel anxious about their child returning to school. Below you will find more information about how the school day will be organised so that you can make an informed decision about whether you send your child to school. Please be advised that you are encouraged by the government to send your child to school, but it is not compulsory to do so.

#### **Bubble groups**

- Pupils will be split into two bubble groups
- Bubble group one will come to school on Monday and Tuesdays – starting Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June.
- Bubble group two will come to school on Thursday and Friday – starting on 4<sup>th</sup> June.
- On other days online learning will be provided.
- The bubble groups have been divided alphabetically.
- Children who need the key worker room on other days to the above will be unable to attend the Y1 classroom bubbles to prevent cross contamination.
- Children with surname A - H will be in bubble group 1
- Children with surname I - Z will be in bubble group 2
- The parent survey showed that about 11 parents would send their children in at that time, we have provision for 11 children in the class in any one bubble group. Should take up exceed this we will contact you to inform you of who the member of staff will be with the additional pupils and which room they will be in. Mrs Nicolson and Miss Baker will be working in the Y1 classroom.

#### **Before school begins**

- If your child attends a breakfast club or after school club, they will not be able to attend school as they will be mixing across school settings and groups.

Fawbert & Barnard's Primary School fully complies with information legislation. For the full details on how we use your personal information please see <https://www.fandbharlow.uk/page/?title=GDPR&pid=217> or call the number below if you are unable to access the internet.

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- Children should wear clean school uniform daily which should be cleaned each day to minimise the spread of any infection. (If your child has outgrown their shoes then suitable trainers may be worn). Please try to stick to the school uniform as much as possible as we feel this will help the children feel safe and that school is a little more like normal.
- Please do not send in book bags, we want to minimise items going to and from school for infection control. Children should only have a packed lunch (if this is their lunch choice) and a water bottle.
- Children should bring a PE kit into school, all coats, PE kit, lunch bags will be taken into class and put on their workstation.
- Classrooms will be well ventilated, following Government Guidance so please ensure your child has their school jumper or cardigan.
- We will be providing school dinners and these need to be booked a week in advance. Your child will also need a water bottle as we will not provide water from jugs during lunchtime to minimise cross contamination and enable MDAs to keep social distancing.
- Please talk to your child about what school will be like; the importance of regular hand washing, waiting on the markers outside the classroom in the morning before school and after play/lunch time, keeping 2m apart, some staff may be wearing PPE and the points/ procedures below.
- **If your child or anyone in the household displays COVID-19 symptoms, please do not send them in to school and follow the latest testing and isolation guidance from the Government.**

### **Arrival at school**

- We will operate a one-way system on the public footpath. You can enter the public footpath at the London Road entrance and only walk in one direction, leaving at the Chippingfields entrance.
- Year 1 pupils should enter the school through the KS1 gate with only one parent. Please kiss and go at the wooden gate near their classroom and leave by the EYFS gate, heading towards Chippingfields.
- Pupils are encouraged to walk, scooter or cycle and the gate to the main field next to the school carpark will be open for you to use if you bring a scooter or cycle, you will then be able to walk to the wooden gate near the Year 1 classroom.
- We will be operating staggered drop off times for different year groups, Year 1 should arrive between 8:45 am to 8:55 am.
- Messages should go via the school office by telephone or email or to the class teacher email.
- Pupils need to observe social distancing whilst in school and waiting to enter the classroom or toilets to wash their hands upon arrival, we will provide markers at 2m apart to wait on outside the classrooms.

### **During the school day**

- Children will stay in the classroom in their group, not mixing with other children or adults in the school.
- Lots of independent tasks, learning outside activities and well-being/transition support will be planned for the children.
- There will be more frequent opportunities to learn outside.

- Break arrangements will be staggered and on separate playgrounds, no equipment/apparatus to be used unless it can be thoroughly cleaned between use.
- We have posters in place to show children other games they can play safely whilst keeping to social distancing.
- Lunch arrangements will be staggered, cleaning will take place between groups in the dining room, children will queue up on markers 2m apart before entering the dining room, hand-washing procedures will be followed, no equipment/apparatus to be used unless it can be thoroughly cleaned between use.
- Increase hand washing throughout the day.
- Children will be given their own resources as much as possible e.g. own set of stationary.
- Limit the use of toilets to one child at a time, waiting spots outside the toilets observing social distancing measures.
- Enhanced cleaning throughout the school day of contact points, cleaning of classroom at break and lunchtime whilst children are out the classrooms.
- Social distancing markers around the school e.g. outside the classroom for lining up, one-way systems in place in the main building.
- All soft furnishings and cushions will be removed from the classrooms
- We will always try to maintain safe distancing in school but please be aware this will be challenging, especially with our younger children.
- Please send in a sun hat and apply sun cream before the start of the day.

### **End of the school day**

- We will operate a one-way system on the public footpath. You can enter the public footpath at the London Road entrance and only walk in one direction, leaving at the Chippingfields entrance.
- There will be a staggered pick up time, Y1 can be collected from 2:55 – 3:10 from the wooden gate near their classroom, please observe social distancing at all times. If you need to collect children from other bubbles, please call us and we will arrange a convenient time for pick up from all bubbles.
- We will be asking parents to enter at the KS1 gate and leave by the EYFS gate, children will be ready to leave.
- If your child has come by bike or scooter, please enter by the London Road field gate, next to the carpark, and collect their bike or scooter before going to collect them.
- Please observe social distancing measures when waiting to collect your child. Once you have collected your child, please leave swiftly by walking towards Chippingfields.
- If you need to speak to the class teacher, please use the class email.

### **What protective measures are we taking?**

- Making sure children and young people are in the same small groups at all times each day, and different groups are not mixed during the day or on subsequent days
- Increasing the frequency of cleaning, reducing the used of shared items and utilising outdoor space.
- Ensuring all adults and children frequently wash their hands with soap and water, including on arrival at the setting, before and after eating and after sneezing or coughing.

- Governments guidance states that staff do not need to wear PPE, except in some circumstances (first aid etc),
- I have outlined further measures in my letter to all parents also sent today.

### **Do I have to send my child to school?**

The government guidance states that pupils are 'strongly encouraged' to attend. However, this is not the same as attendance being mandatory and the DfE has been clear that parents will not be fined, and schools will not be held to account for attendance figures during this period.

You are the first educators of your children. You know what is best for your child and your family circumstances and we will support that.

You will be asked to confirm if you wish your child to attend for the next three weeks, and if they want a hot dinner. We will contact you all again on 19<sup>th</sup> June, to review who wants this provision and any new returners will only be able to start on the following Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June or later depending on their bubble group. At this point we will look to see if we can increase the offer.

### **Please stick to the above to ensure the safety of all.**

### **Online Learning**

Teachers will still support online learning for all children who are not in school, including Year 1. Activities will continue to be uploaded to the school website each day. Teachers and teaching assistants will respond to emails and Seesaw when available, other teachers will support Mrs Nicolson with this, and she will be looking at Seesaw on a Wednesday. Response to your emails may be slightly limited as more teachers will be teaching the children in school throughout the school day.

Both the BBC daily learning and Oak National Academy continue to provide a wealth of online learning videos and interactive resources.

### **Support for your child for re-opening**

We have attached a school re-opening social story which you may like to use with your child before their return in an editable word document so they can be personalised if needed.

Please also see guidance for parents from the Government regarding school re-opening for some year groups

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

Kind regards,

Sue Spearman  
Headteacher

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**Please complete this survey via the Parentmail form sent separately.**

**Response for Y1 parents**

**I will be sending my child into school for their bubble group Yes/ No**

**I would like a hot dinner for my child on those days Yes / No**