



## THE BISHOPSWOOD SCHOOLS FEDERATION

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have all had a happy and healthy summer break. We are very much looking forward to welcoming you all back on Monday for what will hopefully prove a less disruptive year than the last two.

As we shared last week, from Monday we will continue to adopt the four control measures that are being advised by the DFE:

**1. Ensure good hygiene for everyone.**

- Hand Hygiene
- Respiratory Hygiene (Catch it, bin it, kill it)
- PPE (when offering intimate care or supporting a child with Covid 19 Symptoms)

**2. Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes.**

- Twice daily cleaning of common touch points around the school
- Normal evening cleaning programme

**3. Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.**

- Whenever appropriate and weather permitting keep windows and doors open

**4. Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.**

- If you have symptoms stay home, arrange a test.
- If you test positive with a LFT, arrange a PCR test, if positive isolate for 10 days, if negative and you have had both vaccinations or are below the age of 18, isolation stops
- NHS Track and Trace now take responsibility for identifying close contacts and informing them to isolate.

It is worth noting that there is now a clear criteria for close contacts and when you do not have to isolate: *If someone you live with or you have been in close contact with has symptoms of COVID-19, or has tested positive for COVID-19, you will not need to self-isolate if any of the following apply:*

- *you're fully vaccinated – this means 14 days have passed since your final dose of a COVID-19 vaccine given by the NHS*
- *you're under 18 years and 6 months old*
- *you're taking part or have taken part in a COVID-19 vaccine trial*
- *you're not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons*

*However, close contacts should still arrange for a PCR test even if they do not have any symptoms, but they do not need to isolate whilst waiting for the results.*

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### **What this means for Bishopswood:**

- We will **no longer have** class or year group bubbles
- We will **no longer have** staggered start and finish times for the school day  
***All Classroom doors will open at 8.45am, for 9.00am registration***  
***EYFS will be dismissed at 3.20pm and all other year groups (1-6) at 3.30pm***
- The wearing of face coverings on site and inside school buildings is **now individual choice**.
- There will be no social distancing within school.
- Children are now able to bring equipment into school.
- Visitors are now allowed access to the school. Although we will continue to limit access to the school offices to one adult/family at a time.

### **Other points to be aware of:**

- We have decided to continue asking children to wear PE kit to school on PE days. The PE timetable for your child has been sent out via parentmail/tucasi.
- We will not be returning to whole school gatherings such as assemblies immediately. We will be gradually introducing these throughout the Autumn Term.
- We will be allowing volunteers back into school. Please let the office know if you are interesting in volunteering within school.

So, from Monday please do keep your distance from others where possible, encourage your children to maintain good hand and respiratory hygiene. If anyone in your household starts to display symptoms or tests positive please follow the guidance for households with possible or confirmed Covid 19 infection.

We are hoping that school closures and the many protective measures that have been put in place over the last 18 months are a thing of the past and that the school stays Covid free moving forward. However, if there is an outbreak or guidance changes we will put in place our Outbreak Response Plan, which ultimately will reintroduce the measures that have just been removed. You can help us reduce the risk of this happening by continuing to be vigilant.

Attached to this letter is the staff structure for this year and a map showing which teachers and year groups are in which classrooms. These documents were shared with parents before the summer holidays. If you are unsure which class your child is in this year; Miss Stevens and Mr Morris will be on the playground on Monday morning to support you with finding the correct classroom.

Finally, we have had some alterations to the car park over the summer break. Our disabled parking spaces have now moved and are both at the start of the staff car park (just inside the black front gates). This reduces the need for parents to drive down through the staff car park to access the disabled space outside the infants and ensure the safety of parents and children walking to and from school. We thank you in advance for your cooperation in this.

I wish you all a lovely final weekend and look forward to welcoming you all back next week.

Yours Sincerely

Mr G Golding  
Executive Headteacher

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