



# St Benedict's Primary School

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Dear Parents,

We cannot wait to see all of the children back next week – we know how excited they all are about seeing their friends and teachers again.

Our arrangements will be as they were in September:

- Please use the entrances and exits for your child's year group. Please note that Y2 children should now walk down the playground and up the ramp on their own as they begin to be ready to move into KS2
- We are returning to normal school times – gates will be open at 8.35 – 8.45am and children should be collected at 2.45pm. If you are late, you are putting your child and other pupils at risk as we cannot guarantee they will not need to go through another bubble to reach their class
- All children will be taught in 'bubbles' which will be kept as separate as possible from each other
- We continue to have extra cleaning throughout the day
- Please remind your child that they will need to wash their hands or sanitise them as often as they can
- EYFS/KS1 lunches will be eaten in the dining hall. KS2 children will continue to have lunch in their classrooms, however we hope this will not continue for long
- Your child **MUST** come in their PE kit on their days for PE – we have not changed these and your class teacher will remind your child if they have forgotten which day lessons are on
- KS2 children **SHOULD** bring their own pencil cases to help us keep resources apart
- All children should be bringing a water bottle

IF YOUR CHILD WAS GIVEN A SCHOOL LAPTOP, THIS NEEDS TO BE RETURNED NEXT WEEK. WE WILL NEED TO SET THEM UP SO WE CAN DISTRIBUTE THEM IMMEDIATELY IF WE HAVE TO CLOSE A BUBBLE FOR ANY REASON

\*Any laptop that is not returned by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March will be remotely disabled and cannot be used.

For parents:

- Please remember that we request all children are brought by one parent only
- Please wear a face covering and maintain your distance at all time. We realise you will not have seen each other for a while, but please don't have conversations on the pavement outside school as this will cause congestion



- For the same reason, PLEASE do not buy an ice cream from the van if it is parked outside school – we had to call the police on several occasions last term and we know they were fined at least three times and warned about anti-social behavior
- Children entitled to receive Free School Meals will not be given more any vouchers from Monday as children will receive a meal in school
- Please remember we have moved to an online cashless system for the payment of lunch money if your child is in KS2 – you will have received details about this over the last few weeks. No cash payments for lunches will be accepted in school
- Please remember, no parent will be allowed into the school building unless they have been invited for a specific meeting. Queries for the office should be made by telephone in the first place
- Attendance is MANDATORY – this means low attendance is not acceptable and the Local Authority will be imposing fines if necessary. Please talk to us if you have any specific concerns about your child’s return
- May we request that your child wears fresh clothes EVERY day – whilst we prefer the children to be in uniform if they can, we appreciate that it may not be possible for them to do so every day

We will be opening all of the windows in school again next week as ventilation is one of the best ways to prevent the spread of Covid. The weather is going to be cold – we will have the heating on, but PLEASE ensure your child is dressed warmly – the staff will be wearing as many jumpers as they can....

As always, I would like to extend my personal thanks to each and every one of you – this lockdown was unexpected and you have all played your parts brilliantly in lowering infection rates. Hopefully, this will be the last time we have to shut for the children again, but we all need to continue following the guidance to ensure the virus does not overwhelm us.

Please don’t worry about learning your child may have missed – we will spend the next few weeks looking at where your child is and what gaps we need to work on, but that is our job and something my staff do really well. What we want is for your child to remember the joy of learning alongside their classmates and to rediscover playing games with their friends. That is what the children have to ‘catch up’ on and we will do our best to make sure they achieve it.

Please don’t hesitate to call us if you are worried about anything – hopefully, we will start to see all restrictions being lifted really soon and we can all return to the things we love.

With my very best wishes,

Mrs Williams  
Headteacher

