

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am really pleased to be able to confirm that we will be welcoming back every child on Monday 8th March.

I want to now share with you some of our plans, which are similar to the Autumn Term. Our overriding aim is to provide a high standard of education for the children whilst also ensuring that we minimise the risk from COVID-19 and to ensure the safety of our staff, the children and you at home. Our full policy can be found on the school's website.

What will the return to school look like?

The timings of the school day will be the same as the Autumn Term to prevent congestion and accommodate social distancing measures e.g. staggered start and end times.

Childminders

- If you will be using a childminder, you must let us know before 8th March. The childminder will need to contact us by email.

Measures for arriving at school

Parents must drop their children off at their allocated gate and not enter the site in the morning.

8:35 – 8:45 Years 4 and 6

Year 4 children will enter the main gate, walk down the slope and enter via the school reception.

Year 6 children will enter via the bike shed entrance. **6C** will enter their classroom door at the bottom of the slope. **6A** and **6D** will enter via the pupil entrance, onto the Helping Hand playground and enter the school directly into the Year 6 block.

For families that have children in both Year 4 and 6, the children can enter together via the main entrance and the Year 6 children can safely walk to their class from there. If you also have children in Year 3 and/or 5, you will be required to follow guidance for Year 3 and 5 children.

8:50 – 9:00 Years 3 and 5

Year 3 children will the site enter **via the bike shed entrance**. The children will enter via the pupil entrance, walk through the Helping Hand playground and down onto the main playground and into the Year 3 area.

Year 5 children will enter the main gate and walk down the slope. **5S** will enter via the main reception. **5B** will turn right at the bottom of the slope and enter via the external doorway to their classroom and **5J** will continue along the pathway to the external doorway to their classroom next to the pupil entrance.

For families that have children in both Year 3 and 5, the children enter via the bike shed entrance and the Year 5 children can safely walk to their class from there.

Measures for leaving school

Adults should avoid congregating just outside school or at gates and must adhere to social distancing rules. Please arrive at the allocated times and not beforehand.

Exit times:

- **14:55 – 15:05 Year 4 and 6**
- **15:10 – 15:20 Year 3 and 5**

From the start of the pick-up windows parents or trusted adults will enter via the entrance near the bike shed, enter onto the playground where the children will be waiting with their teacher and support staff. As the children see the person collecting them, they can meet them. Together you will continue through a one-way system and exit the school site safely with their child.

Children who walk home alone will leave via the main reception at the earliest leaving time. This is 14:55 for Year 4 and 6 and 15:10 for Year 5 for their year group's allocated time slot. We expect Year 3 children to be collected and recommend they do not walk home alone.

Signage and markings will be in place for the drop off and collection points to ensure social distancing takes place and a member of staff will be on hand to explain procedures initially. Due to the complexity of children arriving at school within allotted time frames, it is essential that you drop off your children within the drop off times allocated. Should children arrive late they will have to enter the school via the school office where they will be recorded as late. Please be aware that children arriving late multiple times can result in a penalty notice being issued. Furthermore, children should be collected promptly.

Parents will not be allowed on the school site other than as outlined.

School Dinners

Hot school dinners will continue (cost £2.10 payable online and booked, even for Free School Meals, in advance only) and for those who were in receipt, the free school meals voucher scheme will stop.

School Uniform and Equipment

- School uniform will be required. They will arrive dressed in their PE kit on days PE is taught. This timetable will be published on return.
- Equipment from home should be minimal. Please do not give your child any toys or other items that are not essential for their learning.

Breakfast Club

- Breakfast club will be provided subject to social distancing guidelines. It will start at 7:30am. It will operate slightly differently to before due to the class bubbles.
- Booking and payment must be in advance. As with school dinners, no cash payments will be possible. Booking details will follow.
- Children will enter the main school gate entrance and then the reception entrance.
- Parents will not be able to enter the school premises.

- For parents who do need to communicate with the school, contact can be made via phone or email.
- Children will enter the hall and sit at their year group bubble's table which will be socially distanced from other bubbles' tables.
- Children will be served breakfast and will be required to stay sat at their allocated tables.
- Children will be given activities on these tables that they can share with other children within their 'bubble'.

Please note: Children will be expected to behave appropriately and respect social distancing rules at all times. Should they choose not to, then the school reserves the right to exclude a child for the health and safety of its staff and other pupils.

The Government has confirmed that attendance is compulsory. Therefore, any absence must be supported by medical evidence or penalty notices may be issued. The Government's guidelines can be found here <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schoolsduring-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

Future Communications

It is possible that there will be changes to these plans if Government guidelines change, if there are deteriorating wider health issues or if local factors impact upon the decisions made to date. If any updates are needed, these will be posted on the school website, Facebook page or emailed to you, so please do periodically check these to see if any changes have been needed.

Lastly, I would like to thank all families for their continued patience and understanding. Working in partnership, I am sure we can catch up for any lost learning time. I would like to assure all our families that Great Bradfords Junior School will be available to provide support if needed and contact can be made using the following email: admin@gbjs.co.uk