



# BEANFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

I am so pleased to welcome you back to school after what has been a very difficult time for us all. It has been lovely over the past week to have to school full again and to see and hear the children enjoying their learning and playing with their friends. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all so much for working with us to ensure we are operating as safely as we can. With so many changes taking place, there will be some teething problems as we get back up and running and we ask for your patience as we iron out any issues and make adjustments where needed.

Just to remind you, the following timings are in place and that we require you to follow social distancing both on and off site:

Year group	Gates Open	Start Time	Location	Gates Open	Collection Time	Location
Reception	8.30am	8.40am	Reception outside area	3.00pm	3.10pm	Reception outside area
Years 1 & 2	8.30am	8.40am	KS1 playground	3.00pm	3.10pm	KS1 playground
Years 3 & 4	8.45am	9.00am	KS1 playground	3.20pm	3.30pm	KS1 playground
Years 5 & 6	8.45am	9.00am	KS2 playground	3.20pm	3.30pm	KS1 playground
Nursery	9.00am	9.15am	Reception outside area	2.45pm	3.00pm	Reception outside area
Unit Provision	9.15am	9.30am	KS1 playground	2.30pm	2.45pm	KS1 playground

I have had a number of complaints from parents about the parking outside of school at the beginning and end of the school day. As with the majority of primary schools in the country, we do not have a 'parent' car park. If you do need to drive to drop off or collect your child please park considerately and ensure you are not obstructing drives, garages, access to roads or the pavements. Please remember that parking on zig-zag lines at any time of the day is prohibited.

During our first few days back after the holiday staff have commented on how successfully children have settled back into school life and how well they are behaving and adjusting not just to their new teachers and classrooms but to the new routines in place across the school. It has also been noted how smart the pupils look and I would like to thank you for supporting us in our effort to ensure that every child arrives at school with the correct uniform.

In order to support us in improving the way we work I would ask all parents to ensure that children arrive on time for the start of the school day. There were some occasions last year when children arrived late to school. Not only does this cause disruption to the start of their day in school but they also miss out on key learning and instructions given which affects how well they can get on with their work.

If your child is ill please contact the school office so their reason for absence can be recorded. This ensures we know they are safe and prevents any unwelcome home visits. As in previous years, our whole school attendance target is 97%. Children's attendance can be supported by booking appointments either out of school hours or as near to the end of the school day as possible. It is also important you understand that, as part of the Brooke Weston Trust, school will not authorise any holidays during term time.

We are welcoming a number of new staff to our teaching team this year:

- Mrs Everett in Reception
- Miss Pye in the Special Provision
- Mr Hollidge who is working alongside Mrs Haynes in Year 2.
- Miss Patel who is working alongside Mrs Greaves in Year 6.

To our teaching support staff we also welcome Mrs Croll (Year 4) and Miss Mahon (Year 6).

To support me in the running of our school, the Senior Leadership Team of the school for this academic year is:

- Mrs Dickinson – Vice Principal (Year 3 and 4 Lead)
- Mrs Greaves – Vice Principal (Year 5 and 6 Lead and KS2 SENCO)
- Miss Cushing – Vice Principal (EYFS Lead and EYFS/KS1 SENCO)
- Mrs Craddock – Assistant Principal (Year 1 and 2 Lead)
- Miss Fleming – Safeguarding and Child Protection Manager
- Miss Smith – Director of Specialist Provision (Special Provision Lead)

Whilst your first port of call with any queries should always be your child's class teacher, if you do need to seek further advice or guidance, then please speak to the relevant member of the senior leadership team.

Our priority for the Autumn Term is to help children to catch up on any learning that may have been missed as a result of being away from school for such an extended period of time. In the first few weeks of term children in Years 2 to 6 will be carrying out assessments so teachers can identify what areas they need to focus on and set up intervention groups to help children catch up.

To provide extra support for children to catch up any lost learning, this term we will not be running any extra-curricular clubs but instead all our teachers will be running Booster groups before, after and during school to which your child may be invited. Please look out for further communication regarding this in due course.

Teachers have worked hard both during the summer break and on their INSET days to ensure that our school curriculum supports your child's progress and attainment but more importantly develops their curiosity and a love of learning. This year we are launching the new Brooke Weston Trust Primary Curriculum so the topics studied in each year group may be a little different but children are already busily learning new information and developing new skills. As part of the new curriculum, we are launching our 50 Before Year 7 programme in which we have identified 50 essential experiences to nurture children's personal development, enabling them to become responsible citizens. Throughout the year children will have the opportunity to participate in these experiences and will have a journal that will stay with them as they move through the school to record all the activities they have taken part in.

Your support in the work that we are doing to secure children's academic achievement and personal development is invaluable. We will continue to communicate with you what your child is learning so that you can get involved. Accompanying this letter, you will find a Parent Information sheet to have at home, perhaps to stick on the fridge, which includes:

- Key dates for the autumn term for you and your child.
- Your child's PE days.
- When homework is set and when it is due back in school.
- What your child will be learning across the curriculum this term.

We will also be sending home Knowledge Organisers next week for your child's topic this term and for the science they will be learning. These organisers are a set of key facts or information that pupils need to know and be able to recall in order to master a unit or topic. We will be using them as part of homework and there will be weekly quizzes on the information contained in them to support children remembering key knowledge.

We hope you will find this information useful. As always, this information is always available on our website under the Curriculum tab on the home page and then in the Year Group Information section.

We wish all of our children a very happy year at Beanfield this year. Please remember that if you need any further information or support for your child in any area of school life our doors are always open.

Yours sincerely,

Samantha Eathorne  
Principal