



Beechwood Primary Academy



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Dear Parents and Carers,
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Wednesday 3rd

Thank you, for the support you have provided to work with your children at home or in Educare, during these long days in lockdown. Spring is almost here and we will all be glad to see Winter behind us.

As of the **8th March we are very pleased to be welcoming all our children back to school.** In doing this, many considerations have been given to the way in which this is done, to ensure the safety and well-being of your child/ren and the staff. Outlined below are a few considerations for our return to school:

BREAKFAST CLUB

This is available for the children from 7.45am as usual, please book a slot and pay online through Parentpay.

ENTRANCES

- **Please could all adults wear masks onsite (unless medically exempt).**
- School gates are open from 8.45am and children will leave at 3.15pm from their pods.
- Please use the correct entrance for your child's bubble.
- Please could only one member of the family escort the children to their pods.
- Please do not cross the red lines to speak to staff.
- Please continue to support all social distancing measures when on site.

UNIFORM

- Children are expected to wear full uniform and children will be informed about when PE kits are needed to be worn. If you need support with uniform please call and ask for Jenny Oliver FSA (Family Support Advisor).

BOOK BAGS and BOTTLES

- Named water bottles, reading books, diaries, book bags and packed lunches (if chosen) **are required.**
- Pencil cases, mobiles, fruit for break, masks (secondary only) or big school bags **are not required.**

SCHOOL LUNCHES

- The dining hall will be open on Monday 8th for hot lunches. Children will eat in their Bubbles. Play and lunchtimes will be staggered.
- The Menu choices can be found on the website.
- If your child is entitled to FSM this will continue as normal.

If any child displays symptoms of COVID-19 then we will immediately contact you to come and collect them. We have dedicated spaces which will be staffed appropriately to minimise any contact that they might have with any of the staff community.

CONTACTING US

- Due to distancing issues, the reception area will be closed to parents. Contact with the school will be via telephone call to the following: 01752 706360 or email: beechwood.office@discoverymat.co.uk
- ALL child absences to be telephoned in onto the Child Absence line before 9.00am.
- If you need to speak to the class teacher you can contact them through Tapestry (EYFS) or Eschools or call and request a call back.
- You can also email us at the address above (beechwood office) with your query and request a call back.
- Mrs Lock (INCO), Mrs Oliver (FSA), Mr Hocking (Pastoral) and Mrs Bennison (Hut team) are here to support your child/ren's return. Please ask if you need further support.

OUR FIRST WEEK BACK

We have planned a period of time for the children to readjust to life back in school and will support them through opportunities to talk and share experiences, as well as celebrating how great it is to be back with their friends. As always, we will be promoting a positive future and supporting the children as they find their feet with the learning routines. Some children will be excited about their return, others will be anxious and possibly a little overwhelmed; these emotions are normal in the circumstances. We are ready to support and if you feel you need additional help please contact us.

In the meantime, there are some things that you can do to support your child with the return to school. We understand that both you and your children may have a variety of feelings and mixed emotions about returning.

Some practical things to try:

- Start a morning routine in the week before school starts.
- Limit screen time.
- Use language such as "when you go to school".
- Use visual aids such as calendars to count down to school starting.
- If your child does not want to leave the house (before the day of your return) take short trips out which build up in time.
- Eating at set times
- Good sleep routine
- Being positive
- Daily exercise
- Stay calm. Use your support network to help you at this difficult time – This could be FSA/PSA, school staff.

It will be wonderful to have all the children back in school again next week!

Best wishes,

**Mrs L Evans
Head of School**