

Belleville Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

The entire staff team are very excited to welcome all of your children back next week. We are aware that what was happening in December feels like a long time ago and some reminders of key information and actions are below.

Key safety measures:

- Belleville pupils, their siblings not at the school and parents/carers/other adults must not come onto site if:
 - they or anyone in your household has coronavirus symptoms
 - they are required to self-isolate as they have been in close contact with a confirmed case
 - they are required to self-isolate because of recent travel
- We will continue to be as careful with reducing contact between bubbles, cleaning and other preventative measures as possible.

However, if we have a confirmed case in school there may be some children and staff who need to self-isolate – you will be informed by text message as soon as possible if this affects your child with more detail in an email sent via Parentmail. Home learning materials will be provided for those self-isolating as they were in the autumn term and be emailed directly to the individual.

We do ask that everybody in our community works together to avoid cases and children needing to be at home again as much as possible by:

- informing us of any symptoms or confirmed cases as soon as possible so that we can reduce the possible spread and disruption
- following the guidelines [HERE](#) (which will be in place until at least 29th March) that state:
 - that people (including children) from different households should not be meeting indoors unless part of a childcare provision or support bubble
 - only spending time in outdoor public spaces for recreation on your own, with one other person, or with your household or support bubble.
- Where parents/carers are using external childcare providers or out of school extra-curricular activities for their children, the guidance for parents and carers is [HERE](#), this guidance:
 - advises you to limit your use of multiple out-of-school settings providers, and to only use one out-of-school setting in addition to school as far as possible
 - encourages you to check providers have put in place their own protective measures.

This week:

- If we have contacted you about your choice of school meal please do respond as soon as possible and by no later than Wednesday. If we have not contacted you, we already have your choice of meal for your child and you do not need to take any action. If you are changing from packed lunch to school meal or vice versa, please contact school.
- Make sure we have at least 2 accurate telephone contacts that we can reach you on during the school day so that an adult can collect your child as quickly as possible if needed.

- The wraparound childcare provided by Balham Community Centre will be running on both sites – please contact them directly by email on susannahbcc@btconnect.com if you are changing your requirements or would like to have a place.
- **New:** You can now access lateral flow tests for your household even if you do not have symptoms (results show within 30 minutes of taking the test). Primary school pupils are not being asked to be tested at this time. Information on how you can collect and order tests can be found [HERE](#)

Preparing for the first day back:

- Talk to your child so they know what to expect - the routines and school day will be as they were in the autumn term, in summary:
 - supporting children with hand hygiene during the day
 - ventilating classrooms and buildings as much as possible
 - longer playtime breaks and playing in year group bubbles on allocated playgrounds
 - following social distancing as much as possible in spaces where bubbles may cross each other e.g. when lining up, in corridors
 - eating lunch in their classrooms
 - staff wearing masks at drop off and pick up and in communal spaces around school

These resources on the school website [HERE](#) are still relevant and may be useful to you

- a story for children called ‘Welcome back to School’,
- a video from Belleville children giving good advice called ‘What is it like to come back to school?’
- a Guide for Parents and Carers ‘Guide to Returning to School September 2020’ (with a ‘Questions and Answers’ document sent on 1st September to your Parentmail)
- a short video about how you can prepare your child called ‘Helping your child get ready to come back to school’.
- **New:** returning to a busy environment after a long gap can feel strange for all of us, a very helpful resource about how anxiety in children (and adults) can appear and how to support others who are anxious is attached to this email and also in this section of our website.

On Monday 8th March:

Drop off and collection

- The timings of the school day will be staggered to reduce the numbers of people on site and the same as previously. You should use the entrance/exit gates you used in autumn.

	Drop off	End of day
Years 4, 5 and 6	Come inside by themselves from 8.25am	3.05pm <i>*and their siblings in Years 1, 2 and 3 if you wants to have one pick up – provide a written note.</i>
Years 1, 2 and 3* <i>*and their siblings in Years 4, 5 and 6 if you wants to have one drop off.</i>	Come inside by themselves from 8.35am	3.15pm
Reception	Come inside by themselves from 8.45am <i>If it is raining, they can come inside by themselves from 8.40am</i>	3.25pm
Nursery am	Siblings – 8.45am No sibling – 9.00am	12.00pm
Nursery pm	12.30pm	3.30pm

- On the first day (Monday 8th March), teachers will come out to meet the children in their lining up space.
- From Tuesday, all children from Reception to Year 6 can go into their classrooms at their allocated time by themselves.
- Only one adult should accompany the child(ren) to reduce numbers on and around the sites and be wearing a mask or face covering unless exempt. Our staff will be on the gates and in playgrounds to help you.
- Gates will open from 8.25am each morning – we encourage you to come in and wait on the playground where there is more space rather than on the pavement should you need to. Children cannot go inside earlier than their drop off time as their teachers may not be in their classrooms before then.
- If you are late, please go to the main office.
- If an adult who is not the parent or carer/usual childcare bubble is collecting your child, you must inform the school offices by phone or email enquiries@bellevilleschool.org at least 30 minutes before the end of your child's session.

Send a written note to give to the class teacher on Monday, if:

- your child is allowed to travel home from school by themselves,
- if you want to collect your child in Years 1, 2 or 3 at 3.05pm with their sibling in Year 4, 5 or 6
- you are giving permission for the older sibling to take the younger sibling home alone.

Please **do** bring to school:

- **NEW:** World Book Day projects which are being completed this week, these are planned to be part of the lessons on Monday
- **NEW:** Reading record and any school reading books you have at home
- **NEW (Years 1 – 6):** Maths No Problem workbook – the rest of the work and stationery can stay at home
- All children need a large labelled bottle of plain water each day which will come home to be washed each night
- Packed lunch if needed
- Breaktime snack if you want to for Years 3 - 6 (no crisps or similar, biscuits, cakes, sweets or chocolates please. Fruit, vegetables or a small savoury sandwich only)
- Coat if needed
- Children's mobile phone if needed – these should be switched off on site and handed to class teacher
- Suitable hand sanitiser for your child if they cannot use the school one due to a skin condition – please make sure they know how to use it e.g. don't touch your eyes until it's dry
- Any medications your child may need – parents/carers need to bring these to the office and complete a form.

Please **do not** bring to school:

- Bikes and scooters unless you can take it back home with you – we don't have secure and separate storage on site
- A separate PE kit – children should come to school in the PE kit on their PE day (plus a jumper or joggers to keep them warm as needed)
- Any food that contains nuts, including for packed lunch and snacks
- Other objects that children may share e.g. toys, trading cards, cakes/treats for birthdays

Please do contact the school on enquiries@bellevilleschool.org if you have any questions or concerns. We are looking forward to seeing your children (and many of you) on Monday!

Best wishes,

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