

Bosham Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we are making the final preparations for welcoming everyone back to school on Monday, we thought we would send you a revised version of the letter we sent home on 16 July.

Do I have to send my child to school?

Yes, from September, attendance at school will become compulsory once again.

Will my child need to wear uniform?

Yes- we will be returning to full school uniform. **Children will need to bring their PE kits to school on a Monday and take them home again on a Friday for washing.**

What should they bring with them?

Children should bring their own water bottle (clearly labelled with their name), a piece of fruit, a hat/ coat if required and their book bags only. Children should not bring their own stationery/ pencil cases in from home, as school will provide everyone with their own, named equipment. Children should not bring in toys.

What are the timings of the school day in September and where should we bring/ drop off our children?

Year Group	Timings of the school day	Drop off/ pick up location <small>Please note only one parent should accompany their child and parents must adhere to two m social distancing while they wait to drop off/ collect their child</small>
Breakfast/ play and stay	07:45am- 5pm (4:30pm on a Friday)	The front door by the main office
Year R	8:50-3:15	Field gate onto KS2 playground
Year 1	8:50-3:15	Front ramped entrance into KS1 playground
Year 2	8:50-3:15	Year 2 garden gate by the front entrance
Year 3	8:40-3:10	Front ramped entrance into KS1 playground
Year 4	8:40-3:10	Field gate onto KS2 playground
Year 5	8:40-3:10	Hall gate – first gate you come to in School Lane
Year 6	8:40-3:10	Bike shed gate – second gate you come to in School Lane

Who will my child be mixing with?

In September, we can have class group sized bubbles. Because of the unique layout of our school, with our shared areas, there may be some points in the school day when Years 1 & 2, Years 3 & 4 and years 5 & 6 may meet for 'double bubble'

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sessions especially if they are outside. The same pairs of classes will also go out to play at playtime together. Although it is almost impossible to adhere to social distancing, we will be asking all the children to continue to minimise touch contact with each other and they will be sitting side by side in class, rather than face to face.

Can parents come onto school premises?

We still have stringent restrictions on access to the school, so inviting parents into the building will not be possible in September. We will continue to communicate with parents regularly though and any important meetings, such as EHCP annual reviews will still go ahead.

Will the children be going swimming?

Sadly, we will not be able to take Year 3 and Year 4 swimming at the start of term. As and when the guidelines change/ relax, we will start planning for this once again.

What about clubs?

We will not be in a position to offer before/ after school clubs at this point, as we have no available spaces for them to operate from. The hall will be used for breakfast/ stay and play and lunch service. We have been able to invite additional sports coaches in to work with groups during the school day.

Will you be providing breakfast club/ after school stay and play?

Yes. Letters have come home already about this. Many of our places are now fully booked. Parents who choose to use this in-house service will be required to pay from September and should be aware that the children will be in mixed 'bubble groups' at Breakfast and Play and Stay – different to those they will be in during the school day. We will split children into a EYFS and KS1 group and a KS2 group.

What will happen if my child has symptoms of a cough/ fever?

No child should come to school if they are unwell, and especially with the symptoms above. If your child exhibits these symptoms we would ask that parents take them for testing and only return to school if the test is negative, or if they have self-isolated with the family for the required length of time and are feeling well. In some instances, if there are confirmed cases within school, Public Health England may ask whole bubbles or even the whole school to self-isolate for 14 days.

What about masks?

Children and adults are not required to wear masks in school, however if parents want their child to wear a mask, we will work with families to support their wishes. Some adults in school may choose to wear a clear visor when administering certain types of first aid for instance.

Bike Shed

The bike shed will be open from 07:45am and locked at 08:50am, this will be unmanned during these times. Please ensure that your child's bike is locked as we cannot take responsibility for bikes going missing.

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What if the school has to go back into a full/ partial lockdown?

We are obviously really hoping this does not happen again! However, if it does we are now fully prepared. We are asking that families continue to use and engage with the Seesaw app. New Seesaw logins and instructions will be sent out on our return to school in September. When we are all in school, teachers will use the app. to send 'take away' or 'homework' tasks on a regular basis. The Year Reception teaching team will be sending their weekly newsletters home via Seesaw. If we have to self-isolate or are put into lockdown, the class teachers will send home daily learning. If you have not been able to engage with the app this term, or if you would like support on how to get the best out of it, Mrs Harris has made a short video you can watch to get you started. We will send it home at the start of the autumn term.

What about lunch times?

This term, we have been able to use the Parish rooms to serve hot lunches from. From September, this service will return to the hall. The Year R children will eat in the hall and all other classes will eat in their classrooms.

What about whole school assemblies and gatherings?

We cannot have whole school assemblies and gatherings, but will be offering the children a twice weekly whole school assembly time, when they will be able to participate from their class bubbles. Singing is also something we will not be able to do in class bubble groups in September.

What happens if the guidance changes?

These plans have all been put in place using the latest government guidelines. We will be reviewing them, alongside the school's extensive risk assessments on a regular basis. As new/ different guidance is introduced, we will adapt our plans accordingly and make sure that we keep you fully in the loop with what is happening.

The government have produced the following document to support parents on the return to school. You can access it here: -

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

We are really looking forward to welcoming you all back. If anyone has any concerns regarding the measures we have in place in school, our risk assessment is published on the school website.

Yours sincerely

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