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Learning Together, in God's Love

1st September 2021,

Welcome Back

Dear Parent / Carer,

We all hope that you have had a lovely summer holiday and are really looking forward to the start of our new term. We are really looking forward to welcoming all pupils and our new reception class onto the school site.

We do have an updated risk assessment for reopening school and an outbreak management plan that we will work from as we adapt to life back in school learning to live with Covid this term. These documents can be found on our school website – <http://www.bishopmartince.co.uk/page/school-re-opening-documents/99064>. The focus is on ventilation and hand hygiene (two things that we can control more without a negative affect on education).

We will be operating cautiously initially as we want to focus on ensuring as many children as possible do remain on site learning. We do know of members of our school community who already have tested positive so please continue to play your part washing hands, socially distancing when indoors where there are lots of people etc.

Hand Hygiene

Children and staff will continue to clean their hands regularly using soap and water or hand sanitiser.

Covid Testing

All staff have been asked to test themselves before we start the new term. Our training on the Inset day on 1st September will be online to avoid all staff being in the same room for a long period of time. Staff will be testing themselves twice weekly for Autumn Term 1 initially.

Face Coverings

Our staff will no longer be requested to wear face coverings unless staff specifically choose to do so. Parents / carers do not need to wear face coverings when dropping off or collecting their child but obviously can do if they want to. In the event of a local outbreak, face coverings may have to be reinstated.

Ventilation

Classrooms and offices must remain well ventilated, comfortable environments.



Bubbles

It is no longer necessary to keep children in consistent groups or bubbles. Where possible we will keep children in class / year group bubbles during September.

Managing those with symptoms and positive cases

Children and staff should not come into school if they have symptoms. If they develop symptoms whilst in school they will be sent home. Those displaying symptoms whilst in school should book a PCR test and self-isolate until they receive the result. In the event of a positive PCR test, the individual will be required to continue to self-isolate.

If your child tests positive for Covid please email communicationbishopmartin@ldst.org.uk as soon as the result comes through so that we can follow our risk assessments and procedures.

Self-isolation

Adults who have been double jabbed and children under the age of 18 years old will no longer be required to self-isolate if they are contacted by NHS Test and Trace. Instead children and adults will be informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test but should continue to attend school whilst waiting for the results.

Remote Education

Schools are required to provide remote education for those children who are not able to attend for Covid-19 related reasons (self-isolation). Our plans will be updated on our school website.

Start Times

Term begins at 8.45am on Thursday 2nd September for all Y1 – Y6 pupils. Reception pupils will be starting on Monday 6th September.

Gates open at 8.45am and will close again at 9am please make sure that child is on time. Children will queue up alongside the hedge (please do not cut across the churchyard as you will be jumping the queue) Children will be entering on site via the two entrances – KS2 via the office entrance and KS1 and reception through the playground entrance. All children will continue to hand sanitise as they enter the school premises.

Breakfast Club is open as usual at 7.30am. You do need to book in for this please a week in advance by 5pm on Friday so we can maintain the correct staffing ratios.

Parents and Carers will drop their child off like they did last term and children will enter their classrooms independently.

End of the Day

At the end of the day for the beginning of term we will continue to dismiss pupils from the gate as we have done for this academic year, parents can collect their children between 3.10pm and 3.30pm. We will be reviewing this as the term progresses.

Uniform

Our uniform policy is on our website <http://www.bishopmartince.co.uk/page/school-uniform/44733> Children can wear their summer uniform if they do wish to until the end of Autumn Term. On PE days, children will be asked to wear their full PE kit to avoid having to change in class.

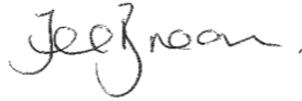


We look forward to seeing you on 2nd September if you are in Y1 to Y6 or 6th September if you are a member of our new reception class.

Yours faithfully



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