



Seagrave Village Primary School

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Re-opening Information –March 8th 2021

Dear Parents,

I'd like to start this letter by saying thank you to all of you for your support and effort during the enforced closure. The quality of work the children have produced has been fantastic and attendance during remote learning has remained high throughout – thank you.

I also want to publically thank the teaching and support staff for their hard work and adaptability throughout the lockdown to ensure such high quality remote provision. They have gone above and beyond to support our children and families.

We now move our focus to returning our children to school – something which I am sure you are all very keen to do despite the fact that there will still be some concerns around covid. We are planning a full return to school on Monday 8th March and expect all of our pupils to attend. This letter will explain the details and measures in place for the full re-opening.

Health and Safety

The safety of your child and of our staff is our top priority. We are working hard, following the latest government guidance and supported by Bradgate Education Partnership, to continue to develop and implement ways of operating. This will allow us to open as safely as possible, focusing on measures that will help limit the risk of coronavirus transmitting within our school.

- We would ask that anyone who is displaying coronavirus symptoms, or who lives with someone who does, does not attend the setting. This is inclusive of all children, parents and staff.
- We will be asking children to clean their hands more often than usual. Making sure they wash them thoroughly for at least 20 seconds that all parts of the hands are covered using running water and soap and dry them thoroughly, or use alcohol hand rub or sanitiser.
- We will be ensuring our children understand good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach and ensuring a good supply of tissues and bins.
- We will also be implementing the enhanced cleaning schedule, ensuring surfaces touched by children and staff are cleaned regularly and throughout the day, including table tops, door handles and play equipment.

The School Day

- Each class will be a 'bubble' - a group of children that will learn and play together. Staff members will work within a bubble and will limit contact with other bubbles as much as possible – due to the operational requirements of the school, some staff will have to work across bubbles. In this instance, the staff member will ensure that they maintain social distancing where possible.
- Children will each have their own space at a desk. They will have their own stationery and will manage their own equipment.
- Children will be able to receive a hot school meal from March 8th starting with our week 1 menu. This will follow our usual school menus found on the school website. If children choose to, they may bring a packed



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lunch into school. Children will be eating in their classrooms to ensure that they do not mix with other bubbles.

- Our break and lunch times will be in the playground in designated spaces so that children are able to remain in their bubbles and not come into contact with children from other bubbles.
- We are asking children not to bring their own stationery, books or any toys or other items from home to the school.

Pick Up and Drop Off

- We will continue with our 'drift in' approach in the mornings – gates open at 8.45 and closed promptly at 9.00.
- We would like to ask parents and carers to physically distance from each other and from staff when dropping off and collecting their children and to limit drop off and collection to one parent or carer per household (masks must still be worn when on the school site).
- Parents will be asked to drop children off at their own classroom door/steps. Please socially distance while waiting to drop off. Please do not enter the building. Parents will then be asked to exit from the designated exits (exit 1 EYFS and class 1, exit 2 class 2 and class 3).
- On entry to school children will sanitize hands and store belongings away safely.

School Routines

- Children will be in the usual classroom for their year group and will use the designated toilets for their class.
- Children will be expected to be in full school uniform.
- Assemblies will not be held as large gatherings but will take place in individual classrooms led either by the class teacher or by Mrs Litchfield via video link.
- Please try to avoid sending your children to school with any additional belongings.
- Children will need a water bottle with a sealed cap to keep on their table at all times.

Break and Lunch Times

- Break and lunch times will take place at the usual times. Each class will remain in their bubble, eat in their classroom and then play in their designated playground space.
- Pupils having hot school meals will be sent to collect their meal with their bubble.
- Afternoon break will be determined by the class teacher and will be a short 15min break outside when time allows.
- We will be fully staffed at all times to provide appropriate supervision and first aid cover.
- Gaddesby kitchen will be running as usual during this time – with their own risk assessments in place.
- Please send children with a healthy snack as you usually would for break times. KS1/EYFS will receive their free fruit option.

PE

- Children will be participating in PE lessons. Please send their PE kit in a small bag to keep on their peg/in their locker for a whole half term. Children will be supported in organising their things to avoid picking up the wrong socks etc.
- External coaches will still be working in school. They will follow the schools risk assessments when working with pupils and will practice social distancing to ensure that they can work with children from across the school.



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Attendance

- In line with government guidance, full attendance is expected from the first day of our return and we hope that we have assured you that your child/ren will be as safe as possible. If you have any concerns or queries around attendance, please call the school office or email me directly. I understand this is an anxious time for many and I will be happy to help you further if needs be.

Testing

- We ask all parents and carers to ensure they organise a test for their child, in the event that they develop coronavirus symptoms, and notify us immediately of the test result. We will only close a bubble in the case of a positive test result.
- School staff will continue to be tested twice a week. This may mean bubbles could close at short notice.

I have also attached the letter from our Multi Academy Trust – Bradgate Education Partnership – describing their position on the reopening of schools. I hope this is helpful.

If you have any worries, concerns or questions around returning to school then please don't hesitate to contact me klitchfield@seagrave.bepschools.org

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Kate Litchfield