



## Bicton C of E Primary School and Nursery

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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are all keeping safe and well.

Firstly, on behalf of our staff and governors, I want to say a huge thank you to all of our families for your support, friendship, appreciation and understanding since school closed to all but our keyworker children at the end of March. It has been very much appreciated during these difficult weeks.

You may be aware, the government's aspiration is to see the wider re-opening of schools where it is practical and safe for schools to do so, based on the current scientific evidence. The safety of our children and school staff is our key priority.

I want to reassure you, we are working tirelessly on plans for the *possibility* of a partial re-opening for children in Nursery (aged 3 and over), Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. Unless social distancing regulations in the workplace changes, we will not be looking to bring back any other year groups before September at the earliest.

If, and this is a big if, the government decide to go ahead with partial re-opening AND there is sufficient evidence for us as school leaders to know we are safe bringing your children back to school, the earliest we will do this will be Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June. We will confirm this on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June via our school website, parent email and Twitter.

In order to support you in deciding whether you are sending your child back for the rest of this term, I have detailed below what our plans may look like for the coming weeks. This is our initial current plan, based on the latest government guidance and information from the recent parent survey. This will be continually reviewed and risk- assessed and we will need to limit numbers of children attending. (Please note our risk assessment has to be approved and signed off by the Local Authority.)

<b>Key workers' children (Must be pre-booked)</b>	Every day as per current arrangements - there is no change to the provision for key workers' children.
<b>Reception</b>	Full days <b>from Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June</b> (Not Wednesdays)
<b>Nursery – Age 3 and over</b>	Full days <b>from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June</b> then <u>Monday and Tuesday only</u> each week
<b>Year 1</b>	Full days <b>from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June</b> (Not Wednesdays)
<b>Year 6</b>	Full days <b>from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June</b> (Not Wednesdays)
<b>Extended schools</b>	<b>Breakfast and after-school provision is only available for key worker children.</b> We are unable to offer it for anyone else.

**Please do not bring your child to school on 1st June  
unless you have contacted me to request a key worker place.**



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When we do re-open, please be assured that staff will do their utmost to ensure that children's well-being, health, individual needs and, most importantly, their safety are all taken into account. We will be taking things slowly, as we know that children and staff will need time to readjust to what is going to be a very different school life to what we are all used to.

We cannot guarantee that the spread of the virus will not happen, as social distancing is near on impossible in a primary school setting regardless of how small the groups are. Therefore, you need to be aware of the following:

### Measures to avoid the spread of viruses

**We are hoping we can reduce the spread of the virus by implementing these measures but we cannot emphasise enough that we are unable to guarantee anyone's safety.**

- Key workers' children will continue to be offered places weekly and will stay in a separate group unless their cohort is coming back into school. If their cohort is in, then they will be joining a group from that cohort.
- Children will be assigned to a small group and will not be able to move from group to group. Within these groups, there will be smaller 'bubbles.' This means children will be with the same adult in the same indoor / outdoor space throughout the rest of term in school (or until science tells us that distancing is no longer required.)
- Children will not necessarily be in their own classroom or with their own teacher.
- In most classes, children will be allocated a table which they will work at.
- We will aim to make use of the outside areas as much as possible (weather depending.)
- The school kitchen will be providing lunches and children will eat with their group in their classroom / class base. Children can bring a packed lunch in from home but this must be in a disposable bag or a container that has been washed thoroughly at the end of each day i.e. when the children get home and before the container is brought back into school / nursery. Children eligible for a free school meal will receive a free lunch as normal.
- Each child will have their own set of resources and, if they are in Year 1 or above, will not be allowed to share anything with others during the day. This is slightly different for younger children - they will have their own stationery set but will access some toys during the day which their smaller 'bubble' has also shared. There will be frequent hand washing in between sharing of any toys.



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- Children will not be allowed to bring anything in from home e.g. books / toys / cuddly toys – they can leave a bag in school containing a spare set of clothes, in case of ‘accidents.’
- The only other items to be brought in from home are a coat/jacket, a water bottle and a sun hat. We ask that sun hats are left in school wherever possible please.
- Water bottles MUST be thoroughly washed overnight and returned full the following morning. We have a supply of new water bottles in school if your child requires one.
- We will NOT be sending reading books home with children.
- Children are not required to wear school uniform but they must wear a clean set of clothes each day (in line with government guidelines.)
- More frequent cleaning will be in place through the day.
- Hand washing will be encouraged frequently, in line with our current measures.
- Weekly home learning projects will continue to be uploaded to the school website but your child’s class teacher may not respond immediately to emails as they will now be teaching in school fulltime. Please do continue to contact us, if your child is not in school and you need help with any work which has been set.

**It is imperative that if you have a child in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 or Year 6, you complete the short online form no later than 5:00 pm on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May.**

**Please complete the form even if you have already spoken to me or emailed me.**

We want to ensure a safe and successful return for the children in our care and we can only do this with your support. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Take care and stay safe

Mrs Natalie Johnson