



**Blakesley CE Primary School  
The Green  
Blakesley  
NORTHANTS  
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**September 1<sup>st</sup> 2021**

**Returning to school**

Dear Parents and Carers,

All of the staff at Blakesley CE Primary are really looking forward to welcoming your children back into school on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September after what we hope has been a happy and relaxing break for you all.

Although this is the start of a more 'normal' term we are still adhering to both government and PDET Trust guidance. This means that there are still some safety measures in place at the beginning of this term, to ensure the safety of all our school community. A cautious approach is being taken as no one wants to see cases of COVID start to rise again.

A detailed and rigorous risk assessment, which addresses all the guidance around schools, has been issued by the Department for Education, by PDET and an outside health and safety agency, to ensure that our planning for all children to be back in school addresses the potential risks and mitigates against them. The main points to note are as follows:

- Regular and more frequent cleaning of tables, resources and toilet facilities will continue as well as regular handwashing / sanitising and good ventilation.
- Children are still to come to school dressed in their PE kit on their allotted PE days and on the days when they attend after school sports clubs.
- There is no further requirement for children to operate in bubbles, so now the children will be able to mix at playtimes and lunchtimes, breakfast club and after school clubs. Opportunities for different year groups and classes to be together can now be organised.
- Collective Worship for the whole school, gathering together, can commence again.

Please note that attendance at school is now mandatory and only a small number of pupils, who are advised by a clinician, will be authorised not to attend school. Evidence of this clinical advice will be required in order for school to authorise ongoing non-attendance. Also when necessary our school will continue to offer remote learning for those pupils at home due to a positive test or needing to isolate.

Being able to hold 'Meet the Teacher' sessions and have 'face to face' Parents' Evenings are already planned. Finer details will follow in the near future. With regard to allowing parents and carers into events, such as Praise assembly, please continue to be patient. We are taking a measured view in terms of allowing visitors into school to begin with, as we are aware that there are a considerable number of our children who have never met collectively before, or have ever been in the company of the older children. There are numerous school routines and expectations to become familiar with and new songs to be learnt.

#### New arrangements for start/end of school day

At the start of the school day children may enter the school between 8.40am and 8.50am through the allocated entrances. (see table below). All children will be greeted each day at their entrance by their class teacher. At the end of the day all parents need to go to the Pick Up Location (see table below) and your child will be brought to you.

Parents in Key Stage 2, to alleviate crowding and congestion outside the school gates on Hillcroft View, will be allowed to come onto the playground through their allocated entrance. There will be a marked area to wait in. All younger siblings accompanying parents must be kept under close supervision (children are not allowed to play on the playground or equipment).

Please note this system is operating under a 'trial period' for the first few weeks.

<b>Class/Year group</b>	<b>Drop off time Gates /doors open</b>	<b>Drop off Location</b>	<b>Pick up time</b>	<b>Pick up Location</b>
Class 1 reception	8.40-8.50am	Old School Entrance Parents can come into the garden area	3.05pm	Old School Entrance Parents can come into the garden area
Class 2 Yr1+Y2	8.40-8.50am	Main school entrance at front of school	3.05pm	Main school entrance at front of school
Class 3 Yr3+Yr4	8.40-8.50am	Hillcroft View Side entrance gate	3.15pm	Parents can come onto playground through Hillcroft View Side entrance gate it to marked area on playground
Class 4 Y5+Y6	8.40-8.50am	Hillcroft View Far gate nearest the playing field	3.15pm	Parents can come onto playground Hillcroft View through Far gate nearest the playing field into a marked area at bottom of playground.

## PE Kit

For the first day of school, September 6<sup>th</sup>, it is expected that all children will wear their full school uniform. We are delighted to welcome Leigh Churchward to our teaching staff. Leigh will be teaching PE sessions on a Monday and Tuesday as well as leading staff training. The PE timetable below starts on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September. Remember on their allotted day pupils should wear PE kit to school. Information about PE arrangements for Reception class will be sent out on Tapestry by Mrs Cox. Details about swimming and clubs will follow in another letter shortly.

PE Timetable				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Class 2 Yr 1 + Yr 2	Class 3 Yr 3 + Yr 4			Swimming T1 only
Class 4 Yr 5 + Yr 6	Class 4 Yr 5 + Yr 6	Class 2 Yr 1 + Yr 2	Class 3 Yr 3 + Yr 4	Class 4 Yr 5 + Yr 6

Please note this timetable may be subject to change.

## Wrap around care

Wrap around care will be provided starting from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021 with the timings;

- Before school: from 8am (£4.50 per session)
- After school: until 5.30pm (2 sessions: session 1, 3.10 – 4.15, session 2, 4.15 – 5.30. Each session is chargeable at £3.50)

**ALL bookings must be made and paid for in advance. Please arrange this by contacting Cassandra Bowman on her email address: [cassandrabowman@blakesleyprimary.co.uk](mailto:cassandrabowman@blakesleyprimary.co.uk)**

## Home to School Transport

The School transport will be running its normal service. Arrangements for using the bus should be emailed to the school office.

## Water bottles and snacks- Nut free please.

Morning time fresh fruit/healthy snacks can be brought into school. These should be in a sealed bag that is labelled and disposable. Please ensure all snacks and foods are Nut free. We have to be very mindful of allergies.

Please provide your child with fresh water in a clearly labelled water bottle. We will NOT provide cups for children to drink from. Nor will we be able to fill them up during the day. Therefore, please ensure the bottle that your child brings to school is filled with enough water for the day.

## **COVID-19**

Sadly, despite the lifting of restrictions, COVID has not gone away. There will be a contingency plan in place to amend procedures should the local situation give cause for concern and we will share this with you if and when required.

**Pupils should NOT come into school if they have any of the symptoms of COVID19.**

Please note parents will still be asked to collect children if they develop or display any symptoms at school. It is very important that should your child display any symptoms of Covid 19 they are taken for a PCR test and are kept at home until the result is received. If there is a positive case in your household, then test and trace will advise on procedures to take.

I hope the information presented is helpful. A list of dates for the School Calendar will follow shortly as well as details about our Code of Conduct and Behaviour policy.

Once again we all look forward to seeing and welcoming all of your children back to school.

Kind regards,

Laurie Hill  
Headteacher