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School Starting on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September

2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

This letter is to let you know the arrangements for Monday onwards as simply and clearly as I can. There is a lot of information but if you wish to be fully informed you should read this letter through thoroughly:

#### COVID SYMPTOMS AND TESTING

- If your child has COVID symptoms (persistent cough, loss or alteration of taste/smell, high temperature), you should keep them off school and get a PCR test (not a lateral flow test) as soon as possible. You should then follow the advice of Test and Trace and inform school of the test result.
- IMPORTANT - Schools do not do contact tracing anymore - this is your responsibility through working with NHS Test and Trace.
- If your child has symptoms in school time, they will be looked after by a First Aider and we will advise you to collect your child and take them for a PCR test.
- Please do not send children to school with COVID symptoms. The government have given Head Teachers the right to send children home if they come to school with such symptoms.
- There is no need for primary age children to have Lateral Flow (home tests). You simply need to take your child for a PCR test if they have symptoms.
- If people in your home have a positive test for COVID, your child can still attend school UNLESS they develop symptoms.
- Remote learning will be provided if parents request it for any children who test positive but remain well enough for lessons.

#### ENHANCED MEASURES IN SCHOOL

- Regular hand washing procedures will continue.
- Good respiratory hygiene will be encouraged.
- Good ventilation will be in place in all rooms (particularly in large communal areas such as assembly halls and the dinner hall).
- Enhanced cleaning regimes will remain in place.
- Government advice on face masks should also be followed so any adults who are gathering in large numbers, in enclosed spaces are advised to wear face masks.
- To prevent the numbers of adults on site being too great we ask that, where possible, older children walk onto the site unaccompanied (there will be senior teaching staff on the yard). For younger children, please keep the number of adults accompanying them onto the site to a minimum.



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- If we get a cluster of cases or large number of cases either in school or the local area, we will work with Public Health England or Stockton Council to put further measures in place (which could be similar to those in place during the lockdown period).

**ENTRY AND EXIT PROCEDURES ONTO THE SCHOOL SITE**

**START AND FINISH TIMES**

KS1 - 8:40 start 3:10 finish (Y1 and Y2)

KS2 - 8:40 start 3:15 finish (Y3,4,5 and 6)

Rec - 8:50 start 3:00 finish (Reception Class)

Nursery times have already been given to our new starters. As have entry and exit gates. If you are unsure of these, you should contact our Nursery staff before Monday.

- Due to updated safeguarding advice, school gates will only be open at specific times and will be locked at all other times. **DO NOT ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO ARRIVE BEFORE 8 35, THEY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN AS THEY WILL NOT BE SUPERVISED.** Please read the times below carefully, so your child is not late to school. Please avoid queuing at the gates, there is more than enough time to get all the children into school. You may use the most convenient gate for you (other than the office back gate and the main drive). It's important to encourage your child to go straight to their line to go into school - there will be no time for playing on the yard before school.
- **MORNINGS - All gates (other than our school office gate) will be open from 8 35 to 8 55**
- **AFTERNOONS - All gates (other than our school office gate) will be open from 2 55 to 3 25**
- **BREAKFAST CLUB - children should come to the office back gate to gain entry**
- **AFTER SCHOOL CLUB - you should come onto the school site through the main double gates on Belasis Avenue and buzz for entry from the main playground entrance door.**
- It is now fine for you to accompany your child onto the playground and on the first day back, Teachers will be on the playground and you should form a queue in front of your child's teacher. The teacher will then bring the children into school at the appropriate entry time through the nearest door to their class. This is the entry/exit door your child should always use and where you can collect them at the end of the day. You should promptly leave the playground before the gates are locked at 8 55.
- Y1, Y2 and YR will line up on the KS1 playground (nearest the Pirate Ship)  
Y5 and Y6 line up on the KS 2 playground (near the outdoor chess tables)  
Y3 and Y4 line up on the little playground nearest to our Fort Henry climbing frame  
EMS line up on the ramp directly next to the EMS classroom on the KS1 yard.
- At the end of school, we will **ONLY** let children go when there is an appropriate adult there to collect them (unless they are an older child who are walking home alone).
- If your child is in Y5 or Y6 you can send a letter giving them permission to the class teacher on their first day back. If they are in Y4, you should seek to discuss this with the Head Teacher.
- Should you wish to have a conversation with class teachers, you can contact them on the phone or approach them at the end of the day, once they have dismissed their class. Please do not approach them in the morning as they must keep children safe and get into school to start lessons.



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## REMINDERS

Children can bring water bottles and book bags to school.

Children should wear PE kit on the day of their PE lessons. Normal school uniform should be worn on all other days. For further information on uniform, please look at the Parents section of our website: [billinghamssouth.school](http://billinghamssouth.school)

## PE DAYS

Tuesdays: Reception and Y2

Wednesday: Y6 and Y4

Thursday: Y5 and Y3

Friday: Y1 and EMS

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY DATES

Break Up Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October - Return Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November

Break Up Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December - Return Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January

Break Up Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February - Return Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February

Break Up Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April - Return Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April

Break Up Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May - Return Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June

Break Up Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July -

There is a Bank Holiday on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

There are also two other Professional Development Days to book and I have promised parents to give at least one months notice of when they will take place to assist with childcare.

A reminder that to be as informed as possible at school, you should ensure you have access to School Gateway (contact our school office for details), check our website [billinghamssouth.school](http://billinghamssouth.school) and be a member of FOBS on Facebook (and scroll back through the timeline).

Yours faithfully,

Mr Squire

