



18th May 2020

Dear Parents of children in Years R, 1, 6 and Keyworker parents

As you know, schools have been told to plan for opening their doors to the children in Years R, 1 & 6 from (not on) 1st June and to share our plans for this with parents once the guidance has been taken into consideration. With this in mind please find below our plan to open which will only happen if the five key tests set by government justify these changes, including that the rate of infection is decreasing.

Preparing the site

Prior to the reopening of Buriton Primary, the following needs to be carried out in succession:

- The school has been closed since Monday 23rd March 2020 and unoccupied during this time. Before staff and pupils return to the site we have been informed by Hampshire County Council that the water system needs to be disinfected. This will need to be carried out by a contractor and we are currently waiting for a response, so that we can proceed with this.
- A full clean of the school will need to take place before anyone can return. This can only take place after the disinfection of the water system.
- Staff to attend the school to conduct a walkthrough of the entire site, internally and externally, to ensure that no new hazards exist, and to allow time for classrooms to be restructured to enable social distancing to take place when possible.
 - Premises safety checks and maintenance updates need to happen as per government guidance.
 - Unnecessary items must be removed from classrooms and stored elsewhere, including soft furnishings, soft toys and toys / items that are hard to clean must be removed from classrooms.
 - Outdoor equipment needs to be assessed, and unless the equipment can be cleaned between use by each year group, it will need to be removed from the school and secured in the PE shed.

Catering:

We are currently in discussion with HC3S about the meals that will be available. We will let you know in due course of these arrangements. Universal infant free school meals and free school meals will be provided.

Supplies:

In line with the COVID-19 PPE guidelines and COVID-19 cleaning in non-healthcare settings issued by the government, the school will need to ensure that the following supplies are purchased and in place in the week before returning to school:

- PPE from the Hampshire County Supplies team and from other suppliers, where necessary due to availability.
- Check and order cleaning and first aid supplies as required.

Since the Government's announcement on 11 May 2020, we have ordered most of the supplies needed and been in contact with Hampshire County Council to arrange for the school's water system to be checked and disinfected. As you can appreciate there is an enormous amount of work for us to carry out before your children can return to school, much of which is out of our hands. **We will endeavour to establish what can be achieved as soon as possible however there is a possibility, due to health and safety reasons, that the first date back to school will be unavoidably delayed.**

Organisation of classrooms and school day:

- Year R children will be taught in Diamonds class by Miss Burrough.
- Year 1 children will be taught in Sapphires class with Miss Moore.
- Year 6 will be taught in Pearls class, which is bigger than Emeralds class and allows for better social distancing. Mrs Rose and Miss Green will teach Year 6.
- The children of keyworkers and children who are vulnerable from Year 2 to Year 5, will be accommodated in Emeralds class. These children will be taught by Mrs Holloway and Mrs Carrick.
- Mrs Evans and all the teaching assistants will also be supporting groups of children throughout the school.
- Children will come into contact with several different adults during their time in school and these adults will work with more than one group of children in a week.
- PE lessons will be taught by external sports coaches from JC Sports and Paul Evans who will provide the school with their own risk assessment for their activities.
- Children will stay with their class group as much as possible to minimise contact with children in other classes.
- During playtime, each class group will have their specific zone in which to play.
- Eating lunch will also take place in their class groups or outside, if weather permits.
- There will be no assemblies or other occasions where all the children are brought together.
- In classrooms, desks will be separated apart as far as possible.

Organisation for drop off and pick up times including staggered start and end of the day:

- In order for this to be effective, so that everyone is as safe as possible, parents must socially distance (not gather together too closely) at drop off and pick up times.
- Parents must leave the premises immediately.
- No-one may enter the site unless they have a prearranged appointment.
- As soon as possible at drop off, parents must leave the school site, or if possible, not enter the site at all and see their child onto the playground from the pavement outside.

Start of the day:

- 8.50 am Children of keyworkers to remain in the left side of the playground as they will enter into Emeralds class.
- 8.50 am Children in Year 6 to remain on the right side of the playground as they will enter via the children's glass door entrance.
- 9.00 am Children in Year 1 to go straight into Sapphires class
- 9.10am Children in Year R to go straight into Diamonds class

Home times:

2.50 Year R to go home. Parents to collect children in outside area of Diamonds.

3.00 Year 1 to go home. Parents to collect outside Sapphires class

3.10 Year 6 to go home. Parents to collect from playground on right hand side

3.15 key worker children leave from Emeralds. Parents collect from left side of playground.

Punctuality will be key throughout this period – so please arrive on time at both ends of the day and leave the school site immediately.

Keeping children and staff safe – what parents need to know:

- Stringent social distancing will be impossible within the confines of our school building and the government acknowledges that children cannot reasonably be expected to remain 2m apart from each other and staff. Therefore if someone in your household is extremely clinically vulnerable, your child should not attend as stringent social distancing cannot be adhered to.

- If anyone has symptoms they must not attend for any reason. If a child or adult shows symptoms during the day, staff dealing with them will wear personal protective equipment (PPE) and contact parents of the child to go home immediately. That child should then be tested for Covid-19. Action will be taken depending on the outcome of the test as set out in the guidelines
- The school will work through the following hierarchy of measures:
 1. Avoid contact with anyone with symptoms
 2. Frequent hand cleaning and good respiratory hygiene practices
 3. Regular cleaning of setting
 4. Minimising contact and mixing
- School uniform will be worn and it is recommended that school uniform is washed on a daily basis combined with good personal hygiene.

Attendance:

Parents will not be fined for non-attendance of pupils.

Learning:

Our priority in getting these groups of children back to school will be considering the children's mental health and wellbeing before any focus will be given to their learning needs. The curriculum will not be as structured as it was before the lockdown.

We all want the children to return to school and resume their education and friendships as soon as it is safe for them to do so. The government has said that schools will only reopen for these children if their five key tests are met, so we shall all have to wait and see if this is the case.

Please email both Sally Slack (s.slack@buriton.hants.sch.uk) and Jo Eades (j.eades@buriton.hants.sch.uk) if your child is in Years R, 1, 6, you are a keyworker or your child is vulnerable and you intend for them to return to school. This will help us in our planning and risk assessments.

In the meantime, I hope you all have a good week and that you stay safe and well and take care of each other.

Best wishes

Danielle Brown

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Headteacher