



Dear Parent/Carers

Firstly, I would like to say that Team Birklands would like nothing more than to have all of our children back and operate the school in the way that it should. However, this is currently not possible.

Since the Prime Minister's announcement on Sunday evening that schools should begin to prepare for the possible reopening of schools to identified year groups I can guarantee that all education providers have been working flat out to make this possibility happen. However, schools are receiving ever changing guidance and updates, that they are asked to adhere to. In my opinion at the centre of any decision has to be the safety of our pupils, the staff and community.

I therefore thought it would be helpful to update you on what we know so far:

- Parent/carers will not be fined for keeping their children at home
- The 'normal' school hours will not apply
- We will not be able to offer breakfast club or our wrap around after-school care
- No parents will be allowed into school
- All class bases have been set up within the requirements of the 2m social distancing. Meaning each base can only accommodate a maximum of seven children and one adult
- Any child that returns to school will be placed in a group (a bubble). This members of that group (bubble) is fixed to minimise any cross contamination
- Each bubble will have a designated area of the school
- Each bubble will be taught by an identified member of staff
- The member of staff teaching each bubble may not be your child's current teacher
- Each bubble will be given a designated time to arrive. If you miss that time you will not be able to drop your child off until all other children are safely in school
- Within each bubble every child will be given a set place to sit and they will only use the equipment supplied by the school
- Children will be required to stay in their place apart from when they need the toilet
- All children will be required to bring their own water bottle and lunches should be brought in a carrier bag
- Staff will be issued with PPE and will wear this if they choose to
- All areas will be deep cleaned at the end of each bubble's allocated time
- Children will be required to wash their hands frequently while in school
- During the 'new school' day there will be no unstructured times eg break-times. However, children will be going outside for some fresh air and exercise
- Children will not be required to wear their uniform. They will need to be wearing a clean set of clothes each day.

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- Timings of the 'new school' day and the time in which your child is in school may vary, dependent on number of children in school and year groups we are asked to welcome back

Further updates to follow next week.

If in the mean time you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch with us.

Stay safe and positive.

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