

# Bishops Down Primary School & Nursery

## Parent & Guardian Update During School Closure no. 8



Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this finds you all well.

We are ready for the wider reopening of the school on Monday! The staff are really looking forward to seeing Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 again.

I am pleased that some of you have already looked at the videos on the website that explain the arrangements for coming in to school. What I did not make clear on the videos was the exiting arrangements for pupils and parents. Thank you to those parents who have pointed this out! **All parents and pupils exit down the middle of the driveway.** We are preventing most staff from using the car park and admin staff will be on duty in the morning to ensure that this is safe.

Before the wider reopening on Monday, I would like to remind you of some of the key rules we are following:

The children and staff in each bubble will not mix with other staff or pupils. This means that if we have a confirmed case of Covid-19 then the whole 'bubble', pupils and staff, stay away from school for 14 days in isolation. The staff that do have to cross bubbles, for example midday supervisors, senior leaders and first aiders will wear PPE. All children and staff will be asked to sanitise or wash their hands on entry to the classrooms.

Every room in the building is being utilised, which sadly means that we cannot take Key Worker children from Yr N, R 1 & 6 into wrap around care. The 2m social distancing rule is dictating our numbers and keeping the 'bubbles' separate, means we cannot have mixed age Beehive. Yrs 2, 3, 4 and 5 can use wrap around care as they are in a mixed bubble all day, every day using the Beehive rooms.

It is important that I inform you at this point, that if a member of staff is ill (not Covid-19 related), we cannot run the bubble. In the plan to open for Yr N, R, 1 & 6 every member of teaching and support staff is being utilised, we have no 'spare' staff. Clearly, it is not advisable to use supply staff as the 'bubble' would be compromised.

All staff will be keeping 2 metres away from each other, no staffroom in use and no socialising at break times. The school office will not be open for parents to visit with queries. All staff communication, be it with the office staff or teaching staff, must still remain via email or the phone.

Please follow the signage around school keeping to the coloured paths on entry, and leave via the driveway and if you need to wait for children, use the front field, being mindful of social distancing. Parents are not to come through the wooden gate, the nursery gate or front door. For nursery aged children, we foresee that they may be occasions when parents will need to come to the classroom door, we understand this, but would encourage as many as possible to say goodbye at the gate.

Thank you so much for your patience and understanding at this challenging time. I will see you some of you Monday morning!

Regards  
C Owen

