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March School Re-opening

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am delighted to confirm that Buglawton Primary School will reopen to all pupils on Monday 8th March 2021.

I understand that there will be some anxiety and apprehension about returning to school after another long period of time away but we have carefully planned for this return and cannot wait to welcome everyone back to Buglawton.

Everything that we have put in place has been done with safety in mind. I have a responsibility to keep staff, children and parents as safe as possible, so please understand that everything is being done for a reason. If you or your child are worried about returning to school, please email or call the school so that we can discuss how to ease the transition back.

We aim to create a safe environment for children and staff where the risk of infection is low by putting into place a system of controls, a set of principles to minimise risks. These principles are:

- 1) Minimise contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend school
- 2) Clean hands thoroughly and more often than usual
- 3) Ensure good respiratory hygiene by promoting the ‘catch it, bin it, kill it’ approach and having clean air ventilated throughout the school day
- 4) Introduce enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces often, using standard products
- 5) Minimise contact between individuals and maintain social distancing wherever possible.

Communication with school

It is essential that you inform school of any symptoms or confirmed cases in your household to ensure that we can continue to protect our community. Please let the school know if any member of your household has symptoms and keep your household isolated following the guidance.

Items allowed in school

- Children will need to wear full uniform including appropriate school shoes – not trainers.
- Children can also bring in their book bags and own lunchboxes, water bottles and snacks.
- PE kits should be worn to school **for the whole day** when it is your child’s PE day.

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
THURSDAY	FRIDAY	MONDAY	THURSDAY	MONDAY	FRIDAY	WEDNESDAY

- Reading books and planners must be brought every day. We will have an isolation period for books brought back into school before sending them home with another child.

Extra Curricular Clubs and Extended Services

We are looking at the return of extra-curricular clubs after Easter – more information on this will follow.

Breakfast club and After School club will be available but **MUST be booked and paid for in advance online.** We will need to carefully monitor the amount of children attending so **prebooking 48 hours in advance is essential.**

Mental and Emotional Well-being

There will be lots of additional time spent on settling the children back into school and their emotional well being. We are introducing our new whole school approach to this using a programme called *My Happy Mind*. Further details on this and the app that can be downloaded to use at home will be shared with parents.

Drop off and pick up arrangements

To reduce the number of people in the area, we request that only ONE PARENT/CARER comes near/on to the site.

Additional adults are requested to wait in a vehicle, or away from Buxton Old Road.

- Preschool and Reception children can be taken to classroom doors by a parent.
- Older children should be left at their relevant gate to enter the school site independently. Staff will be on gates to ensure the safety of all children every morning and afternoon.
- Waiting should be kept to a minimum but where parents are waiting for their children, they should maintain a 2 metre distance from staff and other parents.
- We are requesting parents to continue the **wearing of face coverings/masks** to reduce the risk whilst being in an area of a group of adults.

Drop Off

- We will continue to operate a **10 minute window** for drop off at classroom doors every morning from 8.35am – 8.45am and asking parents/carers to leave the area promptly. This should ease the flow of people around the site.

Preschool	Bottom Car Park – one parent can drop off their child at 8:40am
Reception	Bottom Car Park – one parent can drop off their child at 8:35am- 8:45am
Y1 and Y2	Children independently enter main entrance steps and walk to classroom door. 8:35am- 8:45am
Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6	Children independently enter via top car park gates and walk to classroom door. 8:35am- 8:45am

Collection

- Only **one parent per family** collecting and to further reduce the amount of parents on site at one time, we are staggering pick up times:
 - Preschool are collected at 2.30pm
 - KS1 children are collected at 2.45pm
 - KS2 children are collected at 3pm as usual.
 - Preschool, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children **with an older sibling in KS2** can be collected at 3pm from the top playground
- The one way system around school to collect your child and to exit the site will continue – we ask everyone to stick to these and to social distance at all times

Year	Time	Entry	Collection Point	Exit
Preschool	2:30pm	Bottom car park gates	Preschool entrance	Bottom car park gates
Reception	2:45pm	Bottom car park gates	Reception entrance	Bottom car park gates
Year 1	2:45pm	Top car park gates	Top playground	Bottom car park gates via the steps to preschool/field
Year 2	2:45pm	Top car park gates	Year 2 classroom	Main entrance steps
Year 3	3pm	Top car park gates	Year 3 classroom	Main entrance steps
Year 4	3pm	Top car park gates	Top playground	Bottom car park gates via the steps to preschool/field
Year 5	3pm	Top car park gates	Year 5 classroom	Main entrance steps
Year 6	3pm	Top car park gates	Top playground	Bottom car park gates via the steps to preschool/field
Siblings (if at least one child is in KS2)	3pm	Top car park gates	Top playground	Bottom car park gates via the steps to preschool/field

Extended Services

If your child uses the Breakfast or After School Club you should continue to use the side door by the hall to drop off and collect as normal.

Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards,



Alison Kennerley
Head teacher