



**IMPORTANT INFORMATION: please read the whole of the document.**

**Dear Parents, Carers and Families,**

**Firstly, we hope that you and all your family are safe and well.**

**As you are aware, the Government has announced that the first phase of re-opening schools commences on 1<sup>st</sup> June. We have made plans to bring our children back to school in the safest possible way. The following information explains what has been happening and what is planned for the first phase of their return.**

**Needless to say, we will need your support to ensure your children are as safe as possible in our care. Please read the document carefully. We appreciate there is a lot to take in, and if you have any questions or queries, you can contact us by email, using [enquiry@bellfield-inf.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@bellfield-inf.bham.sch.uk).**

**As you know we shall endeavour to reduce the risk of spreading the virus, however, due to the age of our children, we cannot guarantee they will be able to follow the social distancing at all times.**

**During this term, there are no penalties or fines being incurred for absence, therefore if you are not happy with the plans, or feel that you would rather maintain social distancing by continuing home learning, we fully understand.**

**We will continue to update home learning through Purple Mash activities and all of the links identified on our website.**

**Best wishes**

**ALL STAFF AT BELLFIELD INFANT SCHOOL**

## What has been happening at school in the last few weeks:

During this time, the school has remained open, including over the Easter holidays (and the half term next week), to support the children of key workers and vulnerable children. Staff have been working on a rota system to be in school to support this group of children. Throughout, social distancing and other guidelines have been carefully adhered to successfully.

Staff not in school have been working from home – preparing new subject topics, preparing planning, calling children and their families to keep in contact with you, preparing work for home, answering emails (queries, work being sent in, marking etc) and much more. There has been some online training also as well as many meetings about a variety of things, including working with BCC and other agencies in getting the right support for our children and families. Obviously, we have been regularly adding Home Learning projects on to our website and app to support your children's learning and to keep you informed of teaching support as well as family and other types of support available.

Cleaners have been in and deep cleaned all the school – many rooms have not been used and the specific rooms for the children in school have been thoroughly cleaned daily.

Some premises work has occurred – all lighting has been replaced with efficient LED lighting and the site managers have been using the time to jet wash, clean and repair different areas. The school looks immaculate! The school now has extra soap and sanitiser dispensers around school also.

## Why can more children go to school?



It is good for children's wellbeing.



School is the best place for children to learn.

## What has changed?



1st June

Reception

Year 1

Key worker  
& vulnerable  
children



From June 1<sup>st</sup>, we shall be open for Reception, Year 1 and key worker's children and vulnerable children in Year 2.

## What about their brothers and sisters?



Only children in the year groups above



Children in Nursery and Year 2 need to stay at home

These are our plans for the initial stages of phased re-opening.

The Government has instructed Reception and Year 1 are to return first. We have made the decision that our Nursery will not be opening for our Nursery children, apart from key workers and vulnerable children.

**On Monday 1 June**, we will welcome back our Reception and Y1 children.

***RECEPTION – School day will begin at 8.45 a.m and end at 3.00p.m.***

There will only be one access point to the school, which is on Vineyard Road, next to Starbucks. We ask you to leave your child at the gate nearest to their classroom door. A member of staff will be on the door to greet them. Once you have left your child at the gate, we ask you to continue through the playground to the gate at the far side of the playground and exit through that gate. Parents must immediately exit the playground once they have left their child at the gate. We ask that Parents do not congregate before or after dropping their child off.

When collecting the children, please wait in the designated areas, following the social distancing rules. These will be marked on the path outside the Reception gates. When the teacher sees you, your child will be sent to you. Please wait outside the gate.

***YEAR 1 – School day will begin at 9.15 a.m and end at 3.15p.m***

There will only be one access point to the school, which is on Vineyard Road, next to Starbucks. We ask you to leave your child at the designated point in the playground outside their classroom door. A member of staff will be on the door to greet them. Once you have left your child, we ask you to continue through the playground to the gate at the far side and exit through that gate. Parents must immediately exit the playground once they have left their child at the designated points. You will not be able to approach the classroom door or speak to the member of staff who will be greeting your child. We ask that Parents do not congregate before or after dropping their child off.

When collecting the children, please wait in the designated areas, following the social distancing rules. The waiting areas will be marked out outside the classroom doors. When the teacher sees you, your child will be sent to you. Do not approach the classroom doors.

***YEAR 2 - Key Worker Children and Vulnerable – School day will begin at 9.15 and end at 3.15p.m***

Year 2 Key worker/vulnerable children will follow the same procedure as Year 1.

**If you need to speak to the class teacher, you must leave a telephone message and the teacher will ring you back. You can also email using the emails on the website.**

## OTHER INFORMATION

- There will be no access into school until the gates open at 8.40a.m.  
School uniform must be worn and washed daily to stop contamination.  
If school shoes have been outgrown, black trainers or black pumps will be permitted until the end of the Summer term.
- If you, a member of your family or your child show signs of illness you must inform the school and keep your child at home.  
All children **MUST** stay with their parent/carer.
- You will **NOT** be able to bring children in through the back alleyway as that will be used to exit Infant Parents/ Carers.
- Lunch will be eaten in their classroom and supervised by a Lunchtime Supervisor, who will be designated to that class only.
- The playground will be zoned for each class for Lunchtime play to ensure reduced risk of cross-contamination.
- Equipment used will not be shared across classes and will be sanitised daily.
- There will be a maximum of 10 in each class. Each class will use the same classrooms. Classrooms have been re-organised so there is more room, with items not needed at this time put into storage.
- All people in school – children and adults – will be reminded at various times to wash/ sanitise hands, including on entry to school, before and after break/ lunchtimes/ using the toilet etc

### Does my child have to come to school?

Government have stated that schools will be open for certain year groups from the 1<sup>st</sup> June. However it is the parents' decision what is best for their child. There are no penalties or fines for deciding to keep your child at home.

### Can my child be tested for coronavirus?

Yes, if your child shows symptoms of Coronavirus, they will be able to be tested. Go to:  
<https://www.gov.uk/apply-coronavirus-test>

## How are you making sure school is safe?



We will check for risks before school is open.



Everyone will wash their hands regularly.



If a child or family member is sick they can not come to school.



School will be cleaned regularly during the day.





















There will be less children in a room together (max 15)



To do this we will need to make changes to the school day.

# Bellfield Junior and Infant School

SCALE 1 : 1000

-  hard surface
-  soft surface
-  buildings, porch
-  path, steps
-  fence, gate
-  high fence
-  wall
-  high wall
-  hedge
-  slope line
-  trees
-  seat
-  post
-  apparatus
-  garden, tub
-  mown grass
-  tree canopy
-  bushes



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## **CORONAVIRUS – a reminder of the advice:**

If someone in your household shows any signs of the virus (high temperature and/ or dry, persistent cough and/or aching/ loss of appetite), then that person must self-isolate for 7 days and the other members of the household must self-isolate for 14 days. None of your household should leave the house for any reason during this time.

*Note: Self-isolation for a remaining cough after 7 days is not necessary as the cough can linger for a few days, even weeks, after having the virus.*

Do NOT call 111 unless there are serious concerns - ie the person ill has underlying health issues or the symptoms get worse. You can get advice online from 111: <https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19/>.

### **Most people will have mild symptoms and will recover normally.**

If your child is due in school and your house is self-isolating, you must ring school to inform us of him/her not attending and the reasons why – as we would normally do for any absence.

In the meantime: Please ensure you have instructed your children how to wash their hands correctly as we have been doing in school - the school does still have a high supply of soap & hand sanitiser.

Thank you.

### **What if there is a case of Coronavirus in school?**



The person with symptoms must self isolate for 7 days.



The people they live with must self isolate for 14 days.



If anyone at school tests positive, the whole class must self isolate for 14 days.