



BRAMPTON ABBOTTS CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mr D Brearey
Deputy Headteacher: Mrs S Herriott

Brampton Road, Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire, HR9 7FX
Tel: 01989 562256 • Email: admin@bramptonabbotts.hereford.sch.uk • Web: www.bramptonabbotts.org

DATE: 25.2.2021

School Re-opening

Dear Parents & Carers,

It is fantastic news that we will be able to welcome all children back to school on Monday 8th March following the Prime Minister's announcement; setting out the 'road map' for the easing of the most recent lock-down. I am certain that, like us, you are very much looking forward to your children coming to school every day! For ease of reading, I have summarised the plans for return on Monday 8th March below under a number of sub-headings. You will note that these arrangements are very similar to those in place in the Autumn term before we locked down again.

1. Getting back into routine at home ready for the rest of the term

With school starting again in the next few weeks, it is important that you begin to get your children into the routine (if you have not already!) of going to bed at an appropriate time and getting up and dressed at a time that will mean you can get into school on time each day. Many families have found this understandably tricky, but it is important to start this now as to leave it to the first day back might create too much of a challenge for many children (and parents!).

2. Staggered start and finish of the school day

To reduce the build-up of parent traffic in the mornings and afternoons, we will continue with the staggered start and finish times as outlined below:

START OF THE DAY

Dropping off at the normal front entrance

| | |
|--------|--|
| 8.50am | Families with surnames beginning with A to F |
| 9am | Families with surnames beginning with M to S |
| 9am | Reception children to continue to all use the front entrance as normal |

Dropping off at the field gate

| | |
|--------|--|
| 8.50am | Families with surnames beginning with G to L |
| 9am | Families with surnames beginning with T to Z |

As is already the case, if you had arranged for the earlier drop off or later collection time to suit work this will continue to stand. Families with Reception children (and older children) can also drop off and collect at the same time that they do for Inkpen class to avoid waiting.

END OF THE DAY

Please use one-way system – entering via the field gate and path and exiting via the front of the school.

| | |
|--------|---|
| 2.55pm | Families with surnames beginning with A to L |
| 3.05pm | Families with surnames beginning with M to Z |
| 3pm | New Reception starters to continue to collect as they normally have |

3. Social Distancing at drop off and pick-up times

Please continue to ensure that two-metre social distancing is adhered to at all times when queuing in the morning or afternoon, when leaving the school and when walking around the building. We ask that all adults on site wear a mask when collecting and dropping-off.

4. School Uniform upon return

All pupils are expected to wear correct school uniform for the day's activities from Monday 8th March. In Inkpen and Donaldson classes, pupils are expected to wear full school uniform on days when it is not PE or outdoor learning. PE kit is school jumper or hoodie/zoodie; white t-shirt, dark joggers and trainers.

In Inkpen class, PE is on Mondays and Fridays and Outdoor learning clothes on a Thursday.

In Donaldson class, PE is on Mondays and Fridays and Outdoor learning is on a Wednesday.

In Dahl, Alhberg and Rowling classes there will be an opportunity for the children to do PE everyday, so each day your child should wear school jumper, hoodie/zoodie and school t-shirt, with dark coloured jogging bottoms or leggings. Children should wear their school shoes and bring trainers to change into.

5. Breakfast Club & After School care at Spring Gate Nursery

Spring Gate will resume offering breakfast and after school care from 8th October. Please make direct contact with them for full details. We will share further information as soon as we receive it.

6. Keeping in touch and contacting school

We will continue to use the school FaceBook page and class group FaceBook pages to communicate with parents. These pages have proved very successful in lockdown so we are keeping them on. Please ensure that all comments are positive and constructive and remember, if you have an issue, please contact the class teacher directly via email or leave a message to be contacted.

Should you need to communicate with the school, please use the following:

- **Telephone:** 01989 562256 – you can report absence at any time – using the messaging system (Option 1) and the phones are covered from 9am to 4pm each day (Option 2)
- **Email** – Please email the school office on admin@bramptonabbotts.hereford.sch.uk
- **Text System** – reply to one of the school texts – these are checked daily.

7. Normal attendance rules to apply

All children will be expected to return on Monday 8th March. The government have been very clear that they expect schools to follow their usual attendance policies from this date. This means that we will be recommending families to be fined after 10 unauthorised absences (equivalent of 5 days) over an academic year.

Please remember to ring in and leave a detailed message every day that your child is ill to ensure we have full and up to date information on all absences.

8. School lunches and organisation

School packed lunches will start again on Monday 8th March, for children in Class 1 and Class 2 and any children in receipt of Free School Meals that were having school packed lunches before lockdown. A separate email will be sent out to the parents this applies to. At this time we cannot provide hot schools lunches or paid school lunches.

9. Covid Symptoms and Self-isolation

The Department for Education guidance continues to set out three main symptoms that require children (and therefore families) to isolate and test for Covid-19. These are:

- Persistent cough
- Temperature about 37.8°C
- Loss of taste and or smell

If you are unsure about whether your child should be off school, isolating and tested, please ring the school office.

Should a child or a direct member of their household require a Covid test, then it is expected that they all self-isolate until the result is known. Should the result be positive, all members of the household will be required to self-isolate for 10 full days; day 1 being counted from the day after the positive case was identified.

Please ensure the school is fully informed about any positive test cases or family members taking a test.

10. Children self-isolating

Any child that attends the school, and is forced to self-isolate, will be able to take part in remote learning with their existing class. This will be set up in liaison with the class teacher and an iPad will be provided for every pupil that should be in this situation for the duration of their isolation (assuming they are well enough to take part in lessons!).

11. Return of iPads and technology

It is expected that ALL iPads, pens, leads, plugs and any other technology loaned from the school are returned on Monday 8th March as teachers will have planned for the use of devices as part of the curriculum in all classes. All devices were checked upon handing out and any breakages or damage will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

12. After School Clubs

We will not be running any after schools to start with and will review the possibility of restarting after school clubs, with the potential of some level of after school club being offered in the Summer term.

Yours sincerely,



Dan Brearey
Headteacher