

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have enjoyed a great Summer break despite the Great British weather recently! I am writing with key information as you prepare for your children to return to school. As part of our ongoing response to Covid-19, our risk assessment and policies have been updated to reflect the changes to Government guidance. Updated documentation is on our website <https://www.beechwood.school/covid-19>

### FACE MASKS

Across all our schools in our MAT, we are encouraging adults to wear face masks when on the school site as we continue to play our role in reducing the spread of the virus. I am hopeful that many of the families of pupils at Beechwood will respect this and try their best to follow this.

### SYMPTOMS

You will need to continue to be vigilant to the symptoms of the virus and ensure that you do not send your child to school if they are experiencing the symptoms whilst you seek a PCR test as per the guidance: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

We will contact you if your child develops symptoms at school so please ensure your contact details are up to date.

### HYGIENE

Children will be asked to continue to regularly clean their hands during the school day and use the catch it-bin it-kill it routine. Your support by encouraging this at home would be most helpful.

### DAY TO DAY ROUTINES

Below you'll see information about how the school will operate during the academic year. Please note that we have an outbreak management plan in place, so we will implement it during the school year should the need arise. We will also follow advice from the local health protection team. As always, we will be monitoring and reviewing the situation frequently and will contact you with updates as needed.

### **\*\*Our school day will be 8:25am-2:30pm for all pupils\*\***

Reception doors will open a few minutes earlier to support those families with children in Reception as well as other year groups. If your child arrives after this time, they will need to go through the office to get their late mark.

### ENTRANCE TO SCHOOL

Pupils from Years 1- 6 to enter via the Hillcrest Road entrance. The school gates will open at 8:20am, the school doors will open at 8:25am as registration is 8:30am.

- Years 1,2 and 3 will enter via the main entrance on the small playground (by the office)
- Years 4,5,6 will enter via the school hall doors on the larger playground.
- Reception to enter via Beechwood Road.

For families with children in Reception as well as other year groups, please use the Beechwood Road entrance then walk through the Reception playground, along the external walk way to take them to the playground.

### EXIT FROM SCHOOL

At 2:30pm, children will be dismissed from the following places:

Year 1- their classroom door

Year 2 - classroom door

Year 3 - main entrance on the small playground

Year 4 - main entrance on the small playground

Year 5 - school hall doors

Year 6 - school hall doors

Reception –classroom door and exit via Beechwood Road. If you have siblings in other year groups, please collect Reception first and then walk around the school as you do in the mornings.

During the afternoon dismissal, we will keep the one-way system in place to avoid congestion on Hillcrest Road.

Pupils in Year 6 will be able to walk to and from school by themselves but only if you have given permission and you feel your child is prepared to do so. A message will be sent to Year 6. We do ask that pupils are collected by adult or those aged over 16. If you have any questions, please call the School Office **ADD LINK HERE TRUDI**

### EQUIPMENT

Children will not need to bring any equipment such as pencil cases or toys from home. They will be issued with a book and reading journal as well as a water bottle

Children will need to come to school in their PE Kit on the day of their PE lessons.

Year 1-Friday

Year 2-Tuesday

Year 3-Monday -Lessons will start on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September

Year 4 –Thursday

Year 6- Wednesday

Reception – Monday after the October half term

Year 5-Wednesday –this will be swimming as of ADD DATE **so their normal uniform is required. A one of PE lesson will take place on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September**

Each child will be given their own water bottle when they return to school in September.

### UNIFORM

Please ensure you child's name is in their navy jumper, white polo shirt and grey trousers/short/skirts/dresses as well as their black shoes. Windows will be open in all classrooms to support ventilation so please provide layers such as vest or hoodies in addition to the uniform on cooler days. Thank you

### SNACKS AT BREAK TIME

Children in Years 3,4,5 and 6 are encouraged to bring a piece of fruit for their snack at break time, Children in Years 1, 2 and Reception have fruit provided via the Government funding. The children will continue to learn about healthy eating in the Autumn Term

### UPCOMING DATES

Welcome meetings will provide a chance for you to meet the teacher, albeit virtually, and hear about the year ahead for your child. It would be great to see you online on the following dates:

	Date	Time	Meetings will take place on Teams and you will be sent a link closer to the time.
Year 1	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	9am	
Year 2	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	1:30pm	
Year 3	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	9am	
Year 4	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	1:30pm	
Year 5	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	9am	
Year 6	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	1:30pm	
Reception	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	1:30pm	

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September- catering roadshow afterschool with Chartwells

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October -Parent's Evening will be held on.

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November-School closed to pupils due to INSET

There will be a Parent and Community Forum in October too- date to be confirmed.

I am looking forward to warmly welcoming you all onsite next week.

Yours sincerely,



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