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Blacklow Brow School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am now able to provide you with an update for all children returning to school on **Monday 8th March**. Doors will open at **8.15am and will close at 8.30am promptly**. Please ensure that all children arrive during this 15-minute time slot. This will avoid children travelling through the school and ultimately reducing risk of infection.

From autumn term we have learned that the end of the school day is by far the busiest time of the day. To avoid over crowding we have put a slightly staggered timetable in place. Please see below. If you have several children in the school and finish times are not the same, please collect all children at the later finish time.

	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Finish time	2.30pm	2.30pm	2.40pm	2.30pm	2.40pm	2.30pm	2.40pm	2.30pm

Government Guidance

Our number one priority is the safety of our children and staff. Our risk assessment has been, once again, updated in line with government guidance. This can be found on our website for your reference. This will continue to change depending on government directive.

Day to day organisation

Children will remain in their class 'bubble' at all times and contact with others will be limited as much as physically possible. Our risk assessment puts clear measures and restrictions in place that all staff must follow. Should we have a confirmed Covid 19 case in a bubble, it is the decision of school leaders and Public Health England who should be classed as a 'close contact'. Should children have to isolate we will continue delivering educational provision via Google Classroom.

Lunch arrangements

We will be moving back to a full (hot dinner) menu choice for children immediately. Parents can purchase a lunch for their child in the normal way. Children who are entitled to a free school meal will be provided with a meal as usual. If your child would prefer to bring a packed lunch in from home, please send this in a disposable bag so that everything can be disposed of immediately after use. This

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will avoid items being brought to and from school. Children **MUST NOT** bring their own water bottle to school. We will provide water for all children.

Uniform

Children are expected to wear full school uniform **from Monday 8th March**. To support parents, we have decided that school summer uniform is acceptable from this date also.

PE kits

Children should wear full PE kit for PE lessons. PE kit should be brought in on Monday 8th March or on the first day of PE. These will remain in school until the Easter holidays. In years 5 and 6 PE kits can be brought home at the end of each week for washing.

Book bags

Reading books will be sent home each Monday and returned each Friday. This will mean that items traveling to and from school are limited. Book bags should be sent in each Friday and will be returned each Monday with a new reading book. No other items should be sent into school.

Breakfast Club and After School Club

Breakfast club will be provided as normal and will start at 7.50am. Children will enter into breakfast club through their class door, **not the normal (school hall) breakfast club entrance**. For at least the first full week we will be unable to provide after school provision. We understand that this is not ideal or convenient. We hope to have this up and running as soon as possible. We will review this on Wednesday 10th March for the following week.

Attendance

The Government have made clear that attendance is mandatory and not optional. If your child is unable to attend school you should report this is the normal way.



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Mental Health and Wellbeing

The mental health and wellbeing of all members of our school community remains paramount at this time. We have plans in place to ensure that the curriculum is appropriately paced and that learning is structured in a way that provides much needed time for the outdoors, for enjoyment and for conversation.

Trips and visits

Initially, we are not planning any school trips upon our return. However, we will keep this under review as we are keen to provide these extra-curricular opportunities, when possible. In light of announcements regarding the 'road map', we envisage that the end of year visit to JCA will go ahead as planned. We will keep parents updated in regards to this.

Covid Catch-Up

Upon returning to school, we will ensure that we have celebrated children's efforts during lockdown, whilst also assessing gaps in learning that need to be addressed. This will be done sensitively during children's return, to ensure wellbeing and good mental health.

We are delighted to have all children back in school and we hope that learning will continue in our normal academic pattern. Thank you for taking the time to read this information.

If you require any further clarification please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours Faithfully,



Mr. D. Kenny

Headteacher



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