

Bellingham Primary
Returning to School
March 8th 2021

Key Issue	How it will work	How we need you to help	Risk Assessment
School Drop Off in the morning	<p>You will be given clear instructions about where to enter the premises, (which will be at different locations for different groups) This will be the same as it was in September.</p> <p>Families will be heading to different locations to enter and pupils will go straight into the building on arrival – no gathering to wait for the bell. Entry will begin from 8:50am and we will ask all to ensure they have dropped off by 9:05am</p>	<p>We ask that only 1 adult brings their child/children to school and wherever possible siblings remain at home if it is safe – although we recognise this may not be possible for all families.</p> <p>As adults please operate social distancing when entering school premises. There will be some 2 metre distances marked out.</p> <p>Please do not gather outside school following drop off.</p>	<p>No gathering on the playground.</p> <p>3 allocated group drop off points.</p>
Teaching in classrooms	<p>We are fortunate to have huge areas of outdoor space and hope to use this as much as possible. Social distancing will be explained to the children and classrooms will be set out to encourage this wherever possible. Shared resources will be limited and cleaned after each use.</p> <p>Where children sit together on the carpet they will be side by side not face to face and this will be minimal and for short periods of time. Classrooms will be well ventilated with windows open all the time. Staff may wear face coverings. Staff will be self testing twice a week at home before coming into school.</p> <p>Teachers will not plan activities which require children to touch (hand holding circle games etc) Physical contact will be discouraged.</p>	<p>Please explain to your children although they will be excited to see each other cuddling our friends is not how we greet each other when we say hello.</p> <p>We ask that whilst we have all returned to school it is vital you continue to follow the social distancing expected when they are not in school. If your children begin mixing with lots of friends and family outside of the controlled class groups the risk of them carrying the virus into school will be increased.</p>	<p>During lockdown, school holidays and term time all staff and children remained healthy following these procedures.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Assemblies: Whole school gatherings will not take place for the foreseeable future</p>			
Outdoor play	<p>Children will undertake outdoor learning, break times and play at lunchtime in designated areas and will only mix with siblings where possible.</p> <p>There will be limited outdoor play equipment. The playground facilities will be used on a rota basis.</p>	<p>You can help us prepare the children by explaining they will not be able to play closely with children from other classes.</p>	<p>During lockdown, school holidays and term time all staff and children remained healthy following these procedures.</p>
Lunch	<p>Lunches will be served in our ‘bubble’ classrooms. Children will have food brought to their table by staff.</p>	<p>You can help us by your child taking a school dinner so we minimise the number of things needing to be brought into school (including packed lunch boxes)</p>	<p>No queuing or face to face collection.</p> <p>No child movement around the hall or school site.</p>

School Collection	<p>You will be given clear instructions about where to go to collect your child/ren. This will be where you dropped the off in the morning at the usual time for all at 3.15pm</p> <p>Teachers will have all children ready for collection with all belongings to ensure they can leave immediately and no children can play in the school grounds when collected – children must leave premise immediately.</p>	<p>We ask that only 1 adult collects their child/children from school and wherever possible siblings remain at home if it is safe.</p> <p>As adults please operate social distancing when on school premises. We will not be marking 2 metre distances. Please do not allow your child to play in the premises once collected and do not gather outside school following collection.</p>	No gathering on the playground after school.
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Further Important Information

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Toilets	Children will continue to share their own allocated toilet space – not shared with other groups. KS1/KS2	Please send spare clothes to stay at school so your child can be dressed in their own clothes in the event of them having a toilet accident.	Limited numbers of children sharing a toilet facility.
Handwashing	<p>As a routine children will be washing their hands at least 5 times during the school day</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. On entry to school. 2. Before snack. 3. On returning to the classroom from outdoor play/break time. 4. Before lunch. 5. On returning to the classroom from outdoor play/break time. <p>Hand sanitiser dispensers have been installed for each class to also aid hand hygiene.</p>	<p>Please show your children how to wash their hands properly and reinforce at home the importance.</p> <p>Please send a labelled hand cream to stay in school if your child suffers from dry skin or you are concerned the excess washing may make their hands sore.</p>	<p>Regular / monitored hand washing.</p> <p>Please inform school of medical needs related to this.</p>
Cleaning	<p>Tables / equipment will be wiped down between sessions or in the event of a child coughing or sneezing on a surface.</p> <p>Door handles / taps / soap dispensers and regularly accessed areas will be wiped down through the day (not just at the end of the day).</p>		Each group have safe, appropriate cleaning products and staff have a regular cleaning schedule in place.
Respiratory and hand hygiene	<p>A supply of tissues is readily available in the classrooms and children will be encouraged to carry a tissue.</p> <p>Catch it – Bin it – Kill it strategy will be reinforced and used with children.</p> <p>Where coughs and sneezes are not ‘caught’ in tissues surfaces will be wiped.</p> <p>Sanitiser will be used following handwashing.</p>	Please reinforce the Catch it - Bin it - Kill it strategy: Catch a cough or sneeze in a tissue / put the tissue in a waste bin / wash hands.	Strategy taught. Tissues available. Handwashing/surface cleaning and sanitisers utilised.
Uniform	<p>Children should return in normal school uniform.</p> <p>PE will be on a Tuesday and Thursday– children to come to school in PE kit so there is no need to get changed in school.</p>	Please ensure your child’s name is on all their uniform.	

Snack / Milk	Snack and milk will be reordered and available in school.	Mrs Piggford will be contacting you soon about this, including those who are in credit as well as new orders.	Individual paper cups will be used for water.
School bags etc	Children can bring their book bag with reading book and essentials for school – water bottle (pencil case for older children)	Please try to limit the amount of things you bring to school – this will help minimise any risk of cross contamination. We would encourage children to leave items in school if they can.	
Cashless system	(Class 2 only for school meals) Cashless System –taking away all physical contact with money.	Please check your child's balance on ParentPay enabling them to order their lunch in school.	

Whilst we have tried to cover all aspects of day-to –day school life please do appreciate that we can't think of EVERYTHING for all eventualities.

Things may change and we will keep you updated with as much information as we can.

Our priority is the health and wellbeing of our pupils and staff. We want the return to school to be exciting, happy and safe for all.