



Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear parents/carers,

## OPENING THE SCHOOL FOR YEARS 2, 3, 4 & 5

I hope you and yours are safe and well.

In light of the Government's recent announcement with regards to 'Inviting back additional pupils, where there is capacity', we know that many of you will have questions about what will be happening for the rest of the term.

As the opening for Year 6 and Year 1 children has been so successful, myself, staff and our Governing Board believe that we will be able to safely open the school for other year groups. However, due to the strict guidelines we must adhere to, this will only be a partial opening.

The current plan is to give the children face-to-face time with a teacher for half a day (3 hours) **one day per week** (see dates for different year groups below). The purpose of this is to ensure that your child has social interaction with a small group of children (maximum 15) from their year group, give time to explain the remote learning and run some different activities. Sessions will run from 9.00am until 12 noon and, depending on numbers, we may have one afternoon session running from 1pm to 4pm.

Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June 2020 Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July 2020 Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2020	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2020 Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2020 Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July 2020	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2020 Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July 2020 Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2020	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2020 Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2020 Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July 2020 Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2020

We are aware that many of you will have safety concerns and please see below details of how the school will try it's hardest to ensure that your children remain safe. All staff have been trained in how to keep themselves and others safe.

- The children will be put into groups, with a maximum of 15 in each group.
- Each group will be taught in a classroom by as few adults as possible, and the children will be as spaced out at a 2metres distance from each other and have a table to themselves.
- Children will remain in their classrooms as part of one bubble.
- Each group will have its own area to play in during play time.
- The children and staff will follow strict government guidelines on hygiene and cleanliness.
- The children will be asked to socially distance within their group and we enforce that as much as possible. We will need to rely on your child's own awareness of the importance of social distancing.





Some other points to note:-

- Due to strong government guidance, children will not be allowed to wear face masks or gloves in school.
- If your child, or anyone else in your household, is shielding (with a government letter stating that they are extremely clinically vulnerable) **then they should not attend school.**

Mrs Antoni, our Welfare Officer, will be working in the Welfare Room to ensure any child or adult reporting or displaying symptoms will be sent home immediately for isolation and will be directed to the nearest Covid-19 Test Centre. PLEASE KEEP YOUR CHILDREN AT HOME IF ANYONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD IS DISPLAYING SYMPTOMS. We will send more explicit guidance nearer the time. Children must wear school uniform and will not be required to bring anything other than their water bottles as the water fountains will be out of use.

We will ask parents to observe social distancing rules on our premises at all times.

We would be grateful if you would let us know if you will be sending your children school by sending a message to your class teacher on class dojo by **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2020, midday**. You will not be penalised or fined if you choose to keep them at home for the time being.

I'm sure you have many questions. Please forward them through Class Dojo to your child's class teacher or if your enquiry is more general, please email me on [admin@barham.brent.sch.uk](mailto:admin@barham.brent.sch.uk) and I will attempt to answer you as soon as possible.

The contents of this letter are subject to change.

Thank you for your continued support and stay safe and well.

Kind regards,

Karen Giles  
Headteacher

