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September school arrangements update

Dear Parents,

Following on from my last letter at the end of the summer term (attached), I want to ensure that you as a family are fully prepared and ready for the year ahead. As such, please take time to read the information below. The purpose of this letter is to remind you of important details and what the return to school will look like. Government guidance has been updated, and the most recent update reflects continued focus on hygiene and distancing between adults and pupils. At the end of the summer term, we were able to put the necessary procedures in place and invite all children back for some time. Our curriculum provision will be as near normal as possible within the current restrictions.

Face masks

The recent guidance on face coverings states that primary school children will not need to wear a face covering. We require parents / grandparents picking up from after school club to wear a face covering on school premises.

COVID track and trace

If you suspect that a family member has the virus you are to notify school of your situation immediately, and we will treat all information in confidence. Your child may not attend school and your household will need to be tested. As a courtesy we will inform other relevant parents of the situation whilst maintaining your anonymity. Following written confirmation of a negative result, your child may return to school.

Well being

Pupils may be very excited about the return to school but equally they may feel anxious or apprehensive. Please get in touch via email to the office: admin@belgrave.cheshire.sch.uk or phone on 01244 981151 if you would like to discuss any area of your child's pastoral care.

Stationery

Government guidance continues to advise that pupils have their own resources and these are not shared. Pupils can bring in their own stationery in a pencil case for their personal use to minimise sharing of resources and movement amongst other pupils around the classroom (see list on letter dated 15th July).

Hygiene

As expected, there will continue to be a sharp focus on ensuring the highest standard of hygiene throughout the school. Measures will include:

- Provision of hand sanitiser on arrival in the morning, and throughout the day.



- Cleaning hands more frequently than usual. To help us in school, please ensure your child knows how to follow the 20 second rule and is able to use soap and water effectively to wash their hands thoroughly.
- Ensuring effective respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'Catch It, Bin It, Kill It' approach. Please help us by reinforcing these protocols at home.
- An enhanced cleaning schedule will remain in place to clean frequently touched surfaces and toilets.

Government Quarantine regulations

Some of you may have returned home from a holiday abroad and may be required to quarantine for 2 weeks. Please inform us if this is the case as soon as possible.

A reminder of staggered drop off and pick up times and locations:

Year group	Drop off time	Collection time	Drop off / collection point
Reception	8.55am	3.10pm	Reception gate / wood entrance
Year 1	8.45am	3.05pm	Reception gate / wood entrance
Year 2	8.50am	3.10pm	Main entrance
Year 3	8.55am	3.15pm	Main entrance
Year 4	8.55am	3.15pm	Community centre entrance
Year 5	8.50am	3.10pm	Community centre entrance
Year 6	8.45am	3.05pm	Community centre entrance

Please note that there is only a five minute window to drop off and collect to avoid any family to family contact or crossing of bubbles.

All pupils need a waterproof coat *every* day and pupils in Years 4 – 6 need a pair of suitable outdoor shoes to play on the field. The school kitchen will be fully open with a choice of three meals – pupils will eat and have playtimes in phased bubbles at staggered times. Menu will be sent out today.

Uniform

All pupils will be expected to return to school in full school uniform. All items need to be labelled with your child's full name. Your child's bag and PE bag need to be able to fit into their locker. No additional items must be brought into school and all children need a water bottle which needs to be taken home each day, washed and refilled. Your child can bring a pencil case (more information in email from 15th July).

Clubs

Extra curricular clubs will not commence until further notice. Guitar and piano lessons will begin next week and the tutor will have made contact with you directly.

Wrap around care will be running from tomorrow and for Reception pupils when they are full time.

It is vital that you book your child's place following the usual pre-lockdown booking method by email or phone. Any pupils not booked into club will not be allowed to attend due to guidance



in phased bubbles and limited numbers. Morning club bookings need to have been made by midday the previous day.

Morning club entrance and exits will be the same as last academic year and parents picking up and dropping off from wrap around care **must wear a face mask** to come to the drop off and collection points when on school premises. Collection after 4.15pm will be from the school hall. Collections between 3.20pm – 4.15pm will be as follows:

- Reception / Year 1: Reception front entrance door
- Year 2 / 3/ 4: School Hall
- Year 5 / 6: ICT suite

If you need to contact school, please email admin@belgrave.cheshire.sch.uk or phone 01244 981151. Please do not use Class Dojo for messaging class teachers. We will continue to be cashless so we cannot accept any money as payment for any costs including club.

Full guidance for parents regarding schools returning in the autumn term:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

We have high hopes for a year that is uninterrupted. We look forward to welcoming everyone back into school tomorrow: Wednesday 2nd September.

Many thanks for your continued support.

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Headteacher

