



Beckers Green Primary School COVID – 19

Parent guide

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From 19 July, the government continues to manage the risk of serious illness from the spread of the virus but new guidance marks a new phase in the government's response to the pandemic. It is moving away from stringent restrictions on everyone's day-to-day lives, towards advising people on how to protect themselves and others, alongside targeted interventions to reduce risk.

As COVID-19 becomes a virus that we learn to live with, there is now an imperative to reduce the disruption to children and young people's education - particularly given that the direct clinical risks to children are extremely low and every adult has been offered a first vaccine and the opportunity for two doses by mid-September.

The key messages from latest guidance are:

- nationally, education and childcare settings are open, and attendance is mandatory (for schools) and strongly encouraged (at childminders, nurseries and colleges)
- the [Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health](#) has made it clear that the overwhelming majority of children and young people still have no symptoms or very mild illness only
- staff will continue to test regularly if they are attending settings that remain open. Continuing to take regular rapid tests will help us to identify infections early and reduce transmission. There is no need for primary age pupils to test.
- The school will no longer trace close contacts - close contacts will still be identified via NHS Test and Trace
- children and young people aged under 18 years 6 months who usually attend school, and have been identified as a close contact should continue to attend school as normal
- your child does not need to remain in a consistent group ('bubble')
- the government is removing the requirement to wear face coverings in law but expects and recommends that they are worn in enclosed and crowded spaces where you may come into contact with people you don't normally meet.

We have reviewed this guidance and incorporated it when making our new risk assessment. This briefing will give you all the information needed for the new term.

Arriving at school

Gates open 8.45am

Children come into classroom 8.50-9.00am Gate closes 9.00am

School ends 3.10pm for EYFS and KS1 and 3.15pm for KS2

- Masks in the school grounds are still recommended. We want to keep our school open in the autumn term and when up to 30 parents could have contact with a teacher in a day – it is better to keep masks as a feature of provision until we are sure cases have reduced in Braintree. If you enter school, you will be asked to wear a mask or if you speak to a member of staff.
- We will no longer be operating bubbles, children will be free to mix on the playground and in clubs. There will be some assemblies in the hall, however many will remain virtual.
- Full school uniform please, including PE kit as noted in the school prospectus.

We will also:

- Continue to have doors and windows open as much as possible to maximise ventilation.
- Continue with hand washing/sanitising.

PE sessions

- Your child will have two PE sessions each week. In EYFS one of these may be outdoor learning depending on the half term or another PE session with their teacher but we will advise you of this in your child's topic letter on the first week back. Please ensure all children have their PE kits. Year 5 and 6 can come to school dressed in their kit on the days they have PE.

Year Group	PE slot
Antelopes	Tues and Thurs
Bears	Tues and Thurs
Crocodiles	Mon and Thurs
Dolphins	Mon and Wed
Elephants	Mon and Wed
Flamingos	Wed and Fri
Giraffes	Mon and Tues
Hippos	Tues and Thurs
Iguanas	Tues and Fri
Jaguars	Tues and Fri
Kangaroos	Wed and Thurs

Please be aware that these days are subject to change as we are currently attempting to organise swimming lessons again. This will have an impact on staffing and therefore PE days. These will be correct however for the first two weeks back.

Clubs and squads

We will be commencing clubs in September. All details for how to apply will be sent out early in the term on School Ping.

Outbreak management plan

Please be aware that:

- Restrictions may need to be re- introduced in the event of an outbreak or subject to Government advice.