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Dear Parents and Carers,

This letter is to share some more detailed information about our plans for reopening to all year group children in September. Our reopening plans have been developed following consultation with our Staff Team, Governing Body, and Trust Board. We have also considered parent feedback as well as all the guidance and advice from the DFE, City Council and other professional associations. Due to the amount of information we need to share with you, there will be two further letters sent to you as soon as possible. One will have details of times, entrances for each class and health and safety information. The other will have details about our curriculum planning and support.



From the beginning of the Autumn Term September 2020

School closure days Tuesday 1st & Wednesday 2nd September

We are planning and preparing for all children to return to school full-time from September. As there is so much to do and prepare for the whole school return, the Director of Children and Education Services has approved two exceptional closure days which are made available for all schools. These are for the 1st and 2nd September so that we can ensure that staff understand the school risk assessment and the procedures in place to mitigate the spread of COVID19. We had already planned for the 1st September closure and we have also identified the need to take Wednesday 2nd September as a closure day. This additional closure day will also help ensure that year group teams are prepared to implement the revised curriculum planning and support as children return following an exceptional time for us all. Please see attached for your information a letter from Manchester City Council and a FAQ document for parents and carers.

We are aware that other schools are implementing a phased return for the year groups returning. However, due to the remote transition we have undertaken, we do not feel that this is needed. This is with the exception of our early year's children, who have a phased transition to school every year in line with their age and stage of development. Children in Year 1 to Year 6 will all start school on **Thursday 3rd September**.

Staggered start times

In order to minimise contact between individuals and maintain social distancing wherever possible without having a detrimental impact on our curriculum, we will operate full class 'bubbles' that may mix with their year group 'bubble' where necessary.

However, it is essential that year groups do not mix within school and that contact is limited on our school grounds. Therefore, we will continue to use staggered start and end times.

At the Junior School these will be;

- 8.30-8.40am or 8.40-8.50am in the morning for drop off
- 3.00-3.10pm or 3.10-3.20pm in the afternoon for collection

At the First School these will be;

- 8.50-9.00am or 9.00-9.10am in the morning for drop off
- 3.20-3.30pm or 3.30-3.40pm in the afternoon for collection

Details of your child's class start and finish times, as well as which entrance they will use, will be circulated in another letter next week.

After School Provision

From September we are delighted to inform you that our after school club provision will be back up and running for children in Reception to Year 6. However, due to the challenges of the current situation, there are a number of changes on how we run the provision to enable us to reopen.

- This provision is for all families and 'keyworker' provision is no longer considered to have priority.
- In accordance with current guidelines, we have arranged the provision into year group bubbles to align with provision during the school day. This in turn has led to us limiting places available for each year group.
- The after school club will run from the end of the school day until 5:30pm, this is to enable the staff to clean down all areas for the next day in readiness for the next school day.
- Initially, we will be unable to offer the light tea we usually offer, but we will be offering snacks throughout your child/ren's stay. Parents/carers are welcome to send their child/ren in with a packed lunch for after school club.
- Please note there will be **no** transfer from the Junior School site to the First School site, as year group children are not to mix.
- We will also be changing the booking system, initially for the first half term. Parents/carers will need to fill out a booking form, which books their child/ren onto their chosen day(s) of the week for the whole of the half term. This is to help ensure as much consistency as possible of the bubbles.
- Full-time places will be allocated first, with regular days being offered out second. The form will be available from our website.
<https://www.beaverroad.org.uk/page/before-and-after-school-care/54190>
- Please fill in the form and email it to: extended_provision@brps.net
- We will confirm that we have received your booking and notify you as to whether you have been allocated a place on your chosen day(s).

- Once you have been notified of your place, payment will need to be made on Parentpay within 7 days, failure to do so will result in your place being revoked and offered out to someone else.
- If places are still available, we may be able to offer places on an occasional basis. Bookings for occasional places will need to be booked a week in advance by emailing extended_provision@brps.net. You will be notified by email if a place is available and payment will need to be made in advance via Parentpay once your booking has been confirmed.
- Once your child's place is confirmed, you will be informed where your child's year group provision will take place.

Travelling to school

Wherever possible we are encouraging parents, staff and pupils to walk or cycle to school if at all possible from September. For families using public transport there are health and safety procedures you must follow for the safety of yourselves as well as the safety of other children and staff in school. Please see the following link for the up to date guidance.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-safer-travel-guidance-for-passengers>

There will be a travel survey circulated at the beginning of September.

School Meals

Due to health and safety procedures, children will continue to eat their lunches in their classrooms in September. Therefore, initially we will only be able to offer a limited choice of meals. Meals will either be a choice of sandwiches or a jacket potato with a choice of fillings or pasta. From September, booking of meals can be booked on School Grid in advance as usual. Children may also bring their own packed lunch.

Attendance

The DfE have made it clear that attendance is mandatory from September and our attendance policy will be operational again. A copy of this is available on our website. Given the current COVID-19 circumstances, there may be exceptions for children and families vulnerable to COVID-19 due to health reasons. However, this must be discussed, risk assessed and agreed with the school in advance of your child's absence. If you would like to discuss your exceptional circumstance for absence with school, please contact school via the school office on the 1st or 2nd September to explain your reasons and to arrange an appointment.

Mental Health and Well-being Questionnaire

We appreciate how difficult it has been for those children who have not been able to attend school for such a significant period of time and equally for those children who have had to come to school as part of our Key Worker provision because their parents and carers have had to work throughout the whole of lockdown. Therefore, we want to ensure your child's transition back to school in September to their normal class is as smooth as possible. This has been an unprecedented time and understandably your child's mental health and well-being may have been affected by factors such as a lack of socialisation and structure or missing learning and contact with trusted adults in school. Therefore, we would appreciate it if parents and carers could take the time to answer the following questionnaire to help the staff at Beaver Road help your child

to the best of their ability. We would like to reassure you that any sensitive information will be treated with the upmost confidentiality. This questionnaire is also available on our website

[Mental Health and Wellbeing Questionnaire](#)

Once again, thank you for your continued partnership and support. Please continue to check your child's Seesaw and Tapestry accounts for all the latest transition information, as well as your child's year group pages on the website and messages through the school spider app for specific year group information.

As mentioned, further detailed information will be circulated by next week. If you have any additional questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact us via the school office.

Take care and stay safe over the Summer break.

Best wishes,

Liz Hardy
Headteacher

