



Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome back after the half term holiday. I hope you have all had a good rest and have had a good week remote learning so far. I am sure that you are aware, following the Government announcement on Monday, that all primary schools in England will be opening their doors to ALL pupils on 8th March. We are counting down the days and cannot wait to see you all again. We have constantly followed guidelines and revised plans accordingly and we feel ready for all children to return to a safe and happy environment.

World Book Day

On the 4th and 5th March, we will be celebrating World Book Day. Over the course of these two days, we will be reducing screen time for the children and having just one meet each day to provide children with a selection of activities that they can choose to complete over the course of the day. We very much hope that you will enjoy the chance to get a bit creative and have a bit of fun with your children. There will be one Google Meet each day at the usual morning time for each class and then children will have the days to complete some fun activities around reading and books. Please send us photos to school so that we can see all you get up to. On the Friday afternoon, school has a session booked with Andy Tooze who is a poet and author for all the children. This session (exclusive to Britannia school) will take place at 1.30pm and the codes will be sent out next week. The children are familiar with his work and he regularly works with Britannia so I am sure they will enjoy his session. He is even going to set a school challenge to follow his session - how exciting!

Keep your eye out for the hidden reader quiz as well to complete with your child- can you guess which teacher is behind the book?

Return to School

This next section of the letter aims to set out the arrangements for the return to school for all children on the 8th March. When children return to school, they will return to school in their class bubbles. As the children are in bubbles, we would know which children and adults would need to isolate if we had a positive COVID case in school. If there was to be a positive COVID case within a bubble, the whole bubble would be sent home to isolate for 10 days. The rest of the household does not need to isolate unless a person within the household tested positive or developed symptoms and required a test. In this case, school would be in touch to provide learning and school would be in regular contact.

The drop off and pick up times are below. As and when we can relax these restrictions, we will return to our usual start and finish times. If you have siblings in school, the children should arrive at the earlier time and will leave at the latest time.



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	Start Time	Finish Time
Reception	8.55am	3.00pm
Year 1	8.55am	3.05pm
Year 2	8.55am	3.05pm
Year 3	8.45am	3.15pm
Year 4	8.45am	3.15pm
Year 5	9.00am	3.25pm
Year 6	9.00am	3.25pm

It is essential that your child arrives at the correct time to reduce the likelihood of bubbles mixing and prevent further bubble closures in the event of a positive case. Children should be accompanied by 1 parent only at drop off and collection time to reduce the numbers of people waiting. Both parents and children should wait socially distanced on the school drive and we would ask that you support us with this by not letting your child run up the drive past the queue. We ask that parents wear a mask and do not gather, to make the drop off and collection time as quick as possible.

The following entrances and exits will be used for the children.

Reception	Class door
Year 1 and 2	KS1 ramp door
Year 3 and 4	KS2 ramp door
Year 5 and 6	Year 5/6 door

Extended School Provision

BEST Club will run as normal and the drop off and collection point will be the Year 5/6 door as previously used. Children in BEST club will be in bubbles (EYFS/ KS1/3 and 4/ 5 and 6) and BEST club will use track and trace in order to identify any potential contacts should the need arise from their registers. Each bubble will have its own space and resources and we ask that parents bring their child to the door but do not enter the school building.

Details about any further clubs will be provided in due course once the children have successfully returned to school.

Plans For The Return To School.

When we return to school on the 8th March, we will spend our time focussing on the wellbeing of the children and establishing routines and expectations of the classroom. There will be a variety of STEM activities available this week for the children and the week will close with a very exciting science assembly. Children will be provided with lots of additional opportunities to talk and reconnect with each other and staff in school. We fully understand that students have experienced an unprecedented amount of upheaval recently and we will be doing our best to get our school back to being as 'normal' as possible to help the students regain some structure in their daily lives. There will be additional nurture support available for students who are struggling with the return to school. There will also be a recovery curriculum in place to help students to catch up on any lost learning.



Meetings with Teachers

At this moment, we are still not allowing parents into school, unless in extreme circumstances. Parent Conferencing will take place on Monday 22nd March and further details about this will follow. This will give teachers the opportunity to talk to you about your child's latest assessments, how they have settled back into school life and their engagement with their remote learning.

Uniform

Children should return to school on the 8th March in full school uniform, this includes sensible black shoes and no boots (or trainers with school uniform). A sensible wrist watch can be worn in Key Stage 2 and plain stud earrings for the girls only. Please remember that on PE days earrings ideally should not be worn and these should be removed at home. On PE days, children should continue to wear PE kits to school and may wear trainers with this kit. The PE kits must consist of dark tracksuit bottoms, shorts or leggings, a school PE T -shirt and the school jumper (not a hoody of their own choice). It is important that you support us with these expectations for school. If parents are struggling to get school shoes due to shop closures, the uniform policy will be relaxed until Easter. From the start of the summer term, all children will be expected to return in the correct footwear.

PE lessons are on the following days:

Reception	Wednesday	Friday
Year 1	Monday	Friday
Year 2	Tuesday	Friday
Year 3	Tuesday	Wednesday
Year 4	Wednesday	Thursday
Year 5	Wednesday	Thursday
Year 6B	Monday	Thursday
Year 6H	Thursday	Friday

Book Bags/ School Resources

The only bag that is permitted in school is a school book bag. Please do not send your child to school with a backpack or any other form of bag. This is so the bags can be easily stored. On the first day back, children should return to school with their pencil case (years 2-6) and children **MUST** bring all their completed learning books and reading books to school with them. Please also send in the CGP books so we can evaluate how many children have used these books and re-order further materials if necessary.

Punctuality and Attendance

From the 8th March, full attendance at school is a legal requirement and it is essential that your child attends school at the correct times in order to support them in the return to school. If children attend late or not regularly, they may miss valuable sections of their learning and it is very disruptive for other children in the class. Attendance and punctuality will be closely monitored.

Food and Drink

The school kitchen will be open as usual and all children in Key Stage One and EYFS will continue to be provided with a free school meal.



School meals for Key Stage Two and toast should be paid for on Parent Pay. If children are bringing a Healthy Packed Lunch, they must do so in a small, sensible lunch bag which can be easily stored. Children should bring a water bottle to school and a small piece of fruit for snack time if they are not having toast.

Communication

Now that we are returning to school, the teachers will be unable to answer emails throughout the day. Please contact the school office on 01706 874447 if you have a message which needs passing to a member of staff. Please be aware that staff emails will not be read over the holidays and during term time emails will not be read every day.

Key Points:

- Make a note of start times and finish times. Only one adult (wearing a mask) should bring their child to school or collect from school.
- Full school uniform should be worn with appropriate footwear.
- PE kits worn on PE days. Children can wear trainers on these days.
- Children must bring a small book bag to school with them. No backpacks will be allowed.
- Children in Year 2-6 may bring a pencil case to school with them.
- Please do not send your child to school if they have COVID symptoms.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming the children back to school and having the Britannia family back together again. The challenge of remote learning has been a learning curve for us all and we cannot thank you enough for all your support over the past year. You and your children are heroes in my eyes and I feel confident that through working together we can continue to achieve great things in the future.

I am looking forward to seeing you all again very soon.

Yours faithfully

Mrs N.Longstaff and the Britannia Team