



Head Teacher: Mr D A Hodgson

17th July 2020

Dear Parent, Carers and Children,

Information for wider opening in September

I am writing to you in regards to our plans to open on **Thursday 3rd September**. Before I go into specific details, all of the plans we are putting in place are there to make sure we are complying with the guidance the Government has issued. Guidance can be found: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>).

The single most significant priority above anything else is safety for everyone on the school site. We have spent a considerable amount of time carrying out risk assessments and putting systems in place to ensure all of our pupils can return. As much as we can plan and prepare within school (a lot of what I am sharing with you), will rely on co-operation from all of our families, particularly around drop off and pick up times.

From September, all children will be back in their classes as normal and we will operate year group 'bubbles'. This will mean that children from one year group can be taught together, play together, have lunch together etc. They can also enter and exit the building together at set times.

Staggered start and finish times.

The times of start and end will be different for each year group. Please see below:

Year Group	Start time	Collection time	Gate
Nursery AM & 30hrs	9am	11.30am	Thornaby Road
Nursery PM	12.30pm	3pm	Thornaby Road
Reception	8.45am	2.45pm	Thornaby Road
Year 1	8.30am	2.30pm	Front main gate
Year 2	8.30am	2.30pm	Side gate
Year 3	8.30am	2.30pm	Thornaby Road
Year 4	8.45am	2.45pm	Front main gate
Year 5	9am	3pm	Front main gate
Year 6	9am	3pm	Side gate

Nursery and Reception – All new Reception parents/carers have received information about their transition. Please note that the children will now need to be dropped off and collected via the Thornaby Road gate at their allocated time.

Symptoms/potential cases of COVID-19

Any child or staff member who is feeling unwell **MUST NOT** come into school.

If your child (or member of the household) displays any of the recognised symptoms of Covid – 19 they should not be sent to school and you should ring to arrange a test as soon as possible.

- New persistent cough
- High temperature
- Loss of taste or smell

If a child exhibits these symptoms in school, they will be immediately isolated, and you will be contacted to come and collect your child. We will expect that a test will be arranged to confirm the symptoms.

- Book a test at [Coronavirus test](#)
- Staff and pupils must not come into the school if they have symptoms, and must be sent home to self-isolate if they develop them in school. All children can be tested, including children under 5, but children aged 11 and under will need to be helped by their parents/carers if using a home testing kit
- Provide details of anyone they have been in close contact with if they were to test positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) or if asked by NHS Test and Trace
- Ensure you contact school to keep us informed
- Self-isolate if they have been in close contact with someone who develops coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms or someone who tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19)
- Anyone who displays symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) can and should get a test. Tests can be booked through the NHS testing and tracing for coronavirus website, or ordered by telephone via NHS 119 for those without access to the internet. Essential workers, which includes anyone involved in education or childcare, have priority access to testing
- School will receive advice from the local health protection team and Trust concerning the impact on the rest of the bubble and school as a whole

General Information

- All children will be in a whole year group bubble. They will not mix with children from different year groups
- Social distancing still applies in school between staff and children
- Only one adult is to accompany/collect their child from school
- Parents/carers must leave and pick up their child from the designated gate
- Be on time and keep to your allocated drop off and collection times. We will not be able to admit your child if they are late. They must enter via their allocated gate. Once the gates are locked, there is no access to the school under any circumstances
- Year 6 children may continue to walk to and from school by themselves
- Bikes and scooters should not be brought to school
- Parents are asked not to congregate outside of the school gates
- Children need to stand with parents/carers and remain socially distant
- Make medical appointments outside of school hours. Children are to remain in their 'bubble' throughout the school day and are to exit from their own classroom doors

Keeping clean and safe

- Children should wear their usual uniform from September. Please see the website for the uniform policy
- On their PE day, children can come to school in their PE kit with suitable footwear. This avoids changing in classes. Please note some children may have PE 2x per week
- Hands will be washed continually throughout the day
- Classrooms and toilets will be cleaned throughout the day
- At present, the government do not require children to wear facemasks
- If your child is in Reception, Year 1, Year 2 or they are entitled to free school meals, a packed lunch will be provided. Everyone else, please send a packed lunch and drink in with your child
- Make sure we have any changes of contact details
- Telephone or email school regarding any queries. Parents are not allowed into the school building. The front office door will be locked

In school

- Children will be in a class/year group bubbles and will remain with their class or PE teacher
- They will have their own stationary pack
- Please read our behaviour policy on the website and note changes
- We will be outside as much as possible and all 'bubbles' will have a designated area
- Lunch will be in 'bubble' classrooms/hall and playtimes will be staggered so bubbles do not mix

Attendance

School attendance will be mandatory again from the beginning of September. This means from that point, the usual rules on school attendance will apply, including:

- You must inform school if your child is ill and not attending
- It is parents' duty to make sure their child attends school
- It is schools' responsibilities to record attendance and follow up absence
- The availability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices in line with local authorities' codes of conduct

Our Curriculum (including emotional well-being)

We are aware that some of our pupils may be anxious and concerned about being away from school for so long and returning to school. Staff are ready and prepared for this, including using our very comprehensive PSHE programme.

We ask that you tell us if you feel your child has any worries or anxieties so we can support. Please telephone school on 01642 762856 and speak to your child's class teacher or Mrs J Jones (who has specific responsibility this year for curriculum support).

We will continue to teach an ambitious and broad curriculum in all subjects from the start of the autumn term, but make use of existing flexibilities to create time to cover the most important content missed.

We are spending time now looking at our teaching programme from this academic year. We are identifying those areas that have been taught which teachers know children are confident with, which areas they need further support with and which areas have not been taught. This information will be used to identify gaps in learning and inform the planning for the next academic year.

Remote Learning

If there is an issue with a specific class or indeed the whole school and we need to close a 'bubble' or 'bubbles', we are already planning what our remote learning offer will look like. In the autumn term, we will be able to share with you the principles behind our remote learning moving forward.

Breakfast and After School Clubs

Breakfast and after school clubs will be reviewed in the first week back in September and we will advise accordingly.

Covid-19 Information

If, during the summer break, anyone within your family has symptoms of Covid-19 and is tested and that test is positive, please inform school with the details via our email address bader@bader.org.uk. This inbox will be monitored weekly by members of the Senior Leadership Team.

Finally

I appreciate that this is a very long letter. I wanted to share with you as much information as possible before the summer holidays. As a staff, we will be making sure that all pupils feel safe and secure in September. We have seen already with those year groups who have returned how quickly children have settled back into being at school. I hope you all have a good summer and we look forward to seeing you all in September.

Yours faithfully

Mr Hodgson
Head Teacher