



3rd September 2020

School Re-Opening Information

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that you had a fantastic summer and were able to do some lovely things as a family despite the restrictions in place.

We are really excited and looking forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 7th September.

As you will know, we have spent a lot of time thinking about how to keep the children, staff and parents as safe as possible as we all return to school. For these plans to be a success we really need a team effort and for you, as parents and carers to play your part in supporting us to ensure we avoid any partial or full closure due to a Covid 19 outbreak.

The new school term will start for pupils on Monday 7th September. On this day everyone will be nervous and there are bound to be some teething problems so please bear this in mind, be patient and considerate to staff, pupils and each other as you drop your child or children off at school. We will have 350 children to get in and out of school so **we really do need you to take your arrival and departure times seriously** and once you have dropped your child at school please vacate the car park and area around the school gates as soon as possible. **Please arrive at school at the allocated time and not before.** Please do not arrive early and sit in the car parks as this will clog up the system and create problems. Please hand your child over at the correct time, at the correct gate. It is equally important that you arrive on time for the end of the school day. Too late or too early will cause us problems and put others at risk.

Where possible, please walk to school.

- Group A pupils should arrive between 8:40 – 8:50 and should be collected at 3pm.
- Group B pupils should arrive between 8:50 – 9:00 and should be collected at 3.10pm
- Group C pupils should arrive between 9:00 – 9:10 and should be collected at 3.20pm

School office

The school office will remain closed to parents and so communication should be made by phone call or e-mail, admin@bransgore.hants.sch.uk All payments should continue to be made online. If you wish to or need to talk to a teacher or other member of staff, please contact them through the school admin e-mail and we will respond via e-mail or phone call as soon as we can.

School uniform

Pupils should wear their full school uniform every day but they will not be required to bring in a PE kit. Instead, we would like the children to be sent in to school on PE days in their PE kit. PE kit should be either black or navy leggings or track suit bottoms or shorts, a coloured school PE T-shirt in their house colour and a school sweatshirt or a black/navy tracksuit top.





Pupils may wear trainers in on PE days. Please ensure that pupils can do their own laces before sending them to school in lace up trainers, velcro is best for little ones. Please ensure pupils have a light rain coat with them **every day** as we will be going outside every playtime and as often as possible whenever possible and it may be a bit wet. Wearing PE kit to school on PE days reduces the risk of infection.

PE days are as follows: **PE will commence from Monday 7th September**

Lions and Tigers N/A at present!	Mercury class: Tuesday and Thursday
Zebra Class: Monday and Wednesday	Mars class: Tuesday and Thursday
Panther class: Thursday and Friday	Neptune class: Wednesday and Friday
Giraffe class: Monday and Wednesday	Saturn class: Tuesday and Thursday
Jupiter class: Monday and Tuesday	Pluto class: Monday and Wednesday

If your child complains of feeling ill and is describing C-19 type symptoms (dry cough, sore throat, loss of taste/ smell etc.) **please keep them away from school and have them tested**. Let us know the outcome as soon as you hear. It is important we know, even if pupils test negative. If any member of your family is ill with C-19 type symptoms, please keep your child/ children off until you know the test for other family members was negative. Please let us know when anyone in your family has needed to be tested. Further advice and support about testing can be found here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

Please remember, your child may be more anxious about school than normal. If you feel they are feigning illness or feel ill due to anxiety, please send them in. We will support them and it will only get more difficult if they do not get back into routine.

If your child is not well please ensure you contact the school office and leave a detailed explanation of symptoms so we can act as necessary. Please do not say they are just unwell.

Medication

If your child is off colour and you feel that they would need Calpol during the school day, we would ask that you not send them in and they return once they have fully recovered.

If your child needs antihistamines these should be given at home.

If your child requires a prescribed medicine that is needed three times a day then this should be given at home, it would only be given in school if the pupil was staying at school beyond 4pm (perhaps attending an after school club). For medicines needed four times a day, a dose can be given at school (around 11am) and the third dose would only be given at school if they are staying beyond 4pm in an after school club.

Office staff will be in the church car park on Monday and Tuesday morning for you to hand over medication. Forms have already been emailed out, please have these filled in, completed and ready to hand in.





Resources and equipment

Pupils will all be issued with their own pencil case of stationery which they will keep in their locker or drawer and take with them around school. Other shared resources used will be cleaned or quarantined after use. Please do not send in any additional resources, toys etc.

Pupils will be allowed to bring reading books to and from school but we will continue to use Google Classroom for spellings and maths home learning to reduce resources going to and from school daily.

At playtimes, pupils will be provided with a box of toys to play with that only their class will use.

Year 5/6 Walking to and from school

We ask that children do not hang around after school waiting for their friends to finish. Pupils being sent to school without a parent MUST arrive at the correct time. It would be really helpful if you discussed this with your child so that we get all children through the gates at the correct time.

Breakfast and after school club

The clubs will operate from Monday 7th September in 4 separate bubbles with a Reception, KS1, lower KS2 and upper KS2 bubble group. This will stretch us to the limit in terms of staffing so please be patient and understanding if we have to “juggle” sometimes and it isn’t perfect all the time.

Please email admin@bransgore.hants.sch.uk as soon as possible to book your child in.

A letter will be going out shortly with all the details you need on where to drop off and collect children.

I am really sorry if this letter sounds a bit officious and there are lots of rules and expectations being set down but we just want you and your children to be kept as safe as possible. Everyone using school before the summer was amazing, it all went smoothly and we were able to stay free from Covid-19. We want this to continue so please follow our advice and respect the requests we are making. I know it is not ideal but the whole situation is a challenge.

Finally, it is understandable that you may be feeling a little trepidation or anxiety about sending your little one back to school, especially if they have not been here since March but it is very important that you do not share your worry with the children and be as upbeat and positive as possible. We will keep them safe but the children need to know that you believe that too.

Many thanks indeed for your time, attention, understanding and co-operation. Enjoy the last weekend of the summer break and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday morning for the start of a new academic year!

Best wishes,

Mr. Brown

