



Blackwater Community Primary School

5th January 2021

Information on Partial Reopening of our School – Key Worker Parent guide

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for getting back to me and confirming that your child will be attending school. We will look forward to seeing them and welcome them back with a huge smile tomorrow.

KEY WORKER CHILDREN ARE ABLE TO ATTEND SCHOOL FROM WEDNESDAY 6th JANUARY

This letter is to provide you with detailed information as we prepare to implement **the government's plan** for schools to open to pupils in Nursery as well as to care for key workers and vulnerable children, whilst we also support those children still at home. As you can imagine, there is a lot for schools to implement and we want to be thorough in sharing our plans with you.

Just to remind you, that whilst we can put into place specific control measures, and follow the latest government advice, **I cannot guarantee anyone's safety from coming into contact with COVID-19 whilst attending school.** Please keep monitoring the daily reports and government briefings, so that you feel informed enough to continue with your decision to keep your child in school.

Key Worker Provision

We will continue to operate between the hours of 8am – 3:15pm. Thank you for getting back to me and I have emailed everyone directly so you should know if your child has a space and what days. Please email me if you haven't heard from me. We will continue to manage this provision in this way however please e-mail me directly on: head@blackwater.cornwall.sch.uk if you need extra hours or change/additional days.

Due to the number of children attending school, **we have decided to keep the children in their class bubbles. Therefore they will be with the children in their class, and with the adults who normally work with them.** We thought this would be of most benefit to ensure a calm and consistent approach to school, maintaining those key relationships that mean so much.

The day will be like a normal school day, and will follow the remote learning guide as a reference. If your child is going remote learning and key worker, just follow the daily guide for each day and they will keep up with their peers, whether at home or at school.

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The children will still be using Tapestry and Seesaw to document their learning so please keep checking it to celebrate their learning during the week.

Due to the amount of children in school, the capacity for these spaces will tighten as we simply have neither the space or the staff, and so we ask that if you are able to safely keep your child at home then please support us by doing this, and only ask us to use this provision if absolutely necessary.

Sport

We will be continuing to teach Sport weekly at school. If your child can come into school with their PE kit on that would be great.

Wheal Friendly: Tuesday,

Wheal Harmony: Wednesday

Wheal Busy: Tuesday

Wheal Luna: Monday

Drop off and Pick Up timings

As you are accessing this provision whenever suits your working pattern, when you arrive please ring the bell and myself or member of staff will come and collect your child at the gate.

As soon as you are able to, please collect your child by ringing the gate to be collected. We are happy if you would like your child to do a 9-3:15pm day to maintain consistency however if you can pick them up before, you are welcome to collect. If the children are arriving at normal school times, we are going to continue with using both the gates.

Keeping Children and Staff Safe

We are following government advice to keep our children and staff safe, so far example:

- ✓ Children are split into groups of no more than 15.
- ✓ Individual groups will not mix.
- ✓ We will be rigorous about hand washing.
- ✓ Soft furnishings / resources that cannot be cleaned daily will be removed.
- ✓ Making sure all rooms are ventilated with the windows open.
- ✓ Active engagement with Track and Trace
- ✓ Enhanced cleaning arrangements

We will attempt to maintain social distancing rules and will teach the importance of good hygiene and personal space but we cannot guarantee that the children will follow these rules at all times.

School Meals

Children will be eating their lunch in their classroom. We are going to continue to offer hot school dinners to please book your child on through Parent Pay if you would like this service.

This will start on Wednesday. Children to bring in a healthy snack and a water bottle for themselves.

Cleaning the school site

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The school will be cleaned rigorously every evening by the company Interserve. We will also make sure that all areas are cleaned continuously during the day including toilets, door handles, toys etc..

Uniform

We are asking for all children to come to school in their uniform to promote routine and calmness (**children must wear clean clothes each day to help prevent the spread of the virus**). If this is not possible, please can children wear clothes that are close to the school colours as possible (e.g. dark trousers and a green/yellow top).

Can I remind you to also bring coats, waterproofs and wellies as we will be taking advantage of the outdoors as much as possible.

What happens in the event of a child / adult showing symptoms of COVID-19?

As part of our COVID-19 risk assessment, If a child/adult tests **positive** for the virus, families will be notified, the school will close for deep cleaning and all members of staff / children who were in attendance at the school will be expected to self-isolate as per government advice.

We have bought a digital thermometer that we will be using if we think that a child does have a temperature.

Testing

Any child attending school is eligible for a test through the government scheme. If a child is sent home with COVID-19 symptoms, we would expect you to access the test to and let us know as soon as possible. The aim is to enable children to get back to childcare, and their parents not need to self isolate any longer than necessary, if the test proves to be negative.

A positive test will ensure rapid action to protect other children and staff in their setting.

Please use the online 111 service: <https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19/> or alternatively ring 111 for support.

To Summarise:

- We will do our best, but we cannot guarantee social distancing rules.
- Nursery and Key Workers are welcomed back when the families decide it is safe enough for them.
- ALL other year groups will remain at home until further notice. These children will still be able to access the home learning packs and website resources.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to get in contact with me,

Best wishes

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