

Monday 13th July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: plans for full opening in September

We hope you are all continuing to stay safe and keep well. Before we get into the details, we would like to say a huge thank you to you all. Your messages of support and appreciation of the school and our colleagues has been very gladly received. These last few months have been unlike any other we've known and very challenging at times, but knowing that we've been able to do the best for you all is what has kept us going.

Last week, the Department for Education published the guidance for the full opening of schools in September. Since then we've been working on our plans and are now in a position to share them with. Apologies in advance, as there is a lot of information to digest.

Firstly, and perhaps most importantly, we believe we have a system in place that will allow all children (apart from our new Reception classes who will receive a separate induction letter) to return to school on **Thursday 3rd September 2020**. The school will be closed to children on Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September for staff INSET training.

Please note, the school will be closed throughout the summer – the Government has made clear the need for children and school staff to have a break from schooling and to use the time to rest and recharge batteries before returning to school full-time in September. It is our understanding that Bristol local authority is putting together details about summer holiday clubs and activities. We've not received it yet, but will share it with you when we get it.

We're sorry not to have been able to give you term dates for the academic year 2020/21 sooner, but as we hope you can appreciate there has been a great deal of uncertainty surrounding the full opening of schools. Gladly, we now have these dates for you – see table below. One thing missing from these dates are the other INSET days for school staff professional development. We will set these in the new academic year, once we have a clearer picture of the year ahead, taking into consideration the potential for further school closure. There will be no other INSET days before the Christmas Holidays and we will be sure to give you plenty of notice, once they have been decided.

Term	Start	End	Holiday
1	Thursday 3 rd September 2020	Friday 23 rd October 2020	Autumn half-term: 26 – 30.10.20
2	Monday 2 nd November 2020	Friday 18 th December 2020	Christmas holidays: 21.12.20 – 01.01.21
3	Monday 4 th January 2021	Friday 12 th February 2021	February half-term: 15 – 19.02.21
4	Monday 22 nd February 2021	Thursday 1 st April 2021	Easter holidays: 05 – 16.04.21
5	Monday 19 th April 2021	Friday 28 th May 2021	Spring half-term: 31.05 – 04.06.21
6	Monday 7 th June 2021	Friday 17 th July 2021	Summer holidays: 19.07 – TBC.09.21

As part of planning for full return in the autumn term, it is a legal requirement that schools should revisit and update their risk assessments (building on the learning to date and the practices they have already developed), to consider the additional risks and control measures to enable a return to full capacity in the autumn term. We have done this and are awaiting approval of our plans from Trust in Learning Academies' board of directors. The key aspects of these risk assessments are a system of controls that are based on actions we must take to 'prevent' and 'respond to any infection'. The most important ones that you need to be aware of are;

1. Minimise contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend school.

This means that you must follow the isolation guidance, and not come to school if you, your child, or anyone in your household has symptoms. If your child develops symptoms whilst at school they will need collecting immediately. They must self-isolate for at least 7 days and should arrange to have a test. We can help you with booking the test, and ask that you inform us immediately of the results. If someone in school has tested positive for coronavirus we will inform the local health protection team who will carry out a rapid risk assessment and guide us through the actions we must take.

2. Clean hands thoroughly more often than usual and ensure good respiratory hygiene

We will ensure this happens during school time and would ask that you continue these practices at home.

3. Minimise contact between individuals and maintain social distancing wherever possible.

As we have through the period of wider opening, we will have a number of measures in place to minimise contact between individuals and maintain social distancing. Key information for you as parents and carers is listed in the table below, which sets out the start and end times to your child(ren)'s day and where you should enter and exit the school premises. Clear signage will be in place identifying the different entry points, and staff will be on hand to help.

We will continue to have the one-way system in place, which you must use – we will post a video before we welcome you back in September to make this clear.

If you have children in different phases, you will be able to drop-off siblings in a younger year group before their allotted start time.

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Year Group	Drop-off	Pick-up	Entrance	Door
6	8.45 am	3.15 pm	Main gate	Playground
5	8.45 am	3.15 pm	Main gate	Playground
4	8.45 am	3.15 pm	Main gate	Playground
3	8.45 am	3.15 pm	Main gate	Playground
2	8.30 am	3 pm	Main gate	Playground
1	8.30 am	3 pm	Main gate	Classroom
R	8.30 am	3 pm	Main gate	Classroom

More information about our 'bubble' system can be found in the supplementary frequently asked questions document. We ask that you assist us in minimising contacts and mixing by adhering to social distancing rules at all times when at school. Please also ensure you are adhering to all rules around quarantining following foreign travel.

All of the above is based on the premise that we will all be returning to school in September. Alongside this, we have been drawing up contingency plans that will come in to action if we return to some form of school closures next academic year. We will, of course, keep you informed of any updates or developments, as soon as possible.

Please contact the school if you have any questions.

Thank you for your continuing support during this challenging time – it's greatly appreciated by all at Filton Avenue Primary School.

With best wishes,

The Leadership Team