

Dear Parent/Carer,

## RETURN TO SCHOOL FOR RECEPTION PUPILS

Following the information sent to you by Ms Hashmi regarding school re-opening for Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 learners, we would like to provide you with some more detailed guidance about how things will look for your child's year group. The information **below outlines how school will look for our Reception learners for the first 2 weeks once school reopens.**

There is lots of detailed information that you need to know so we ask that you please read the information thoroughly and carefully. If you would like to read the government guidance for yourself, please use this link to do so: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june>

### **Organisation of learners:**

**When schools re-open** our Reception children will be split into groups of 8 learners. Children will attend school for a session of 3 hours on Monday to Thursday. Each group will have at least one, but normally 2 adults with them at all times. This is to maximise our ability to promote social distancing and minimise contact between learners and staff.

Reception children will be taught in either a Reception classroom or one of the other EYFS rooms. Children will not 'free flow' outside in the way they are used to but will instead have set indoor and outdoor times within their 3 hour time slot. This is to avoid learners and staff using the same outdoor areas at the same time. Government guidance states that outdoor equipment should only be used if it can be cleaned thoroughly between each session it is used. We feel this is very unrealistic given the nature of much of our outdoor equipment. Therefore a small number of easy to clean resources will be available for children outside. Staff will also run games and activities for children to participate in.

We will aim to place children with at least one good friend and a familiar adult so they feel safe and happy on their return to school. We will also aim to keep those children who may struggle to adapt to being back at school in their own classroom.

### **Timings of the day:**

When school reopens there will be a period of transition and induction for learners. This will mean not all learners come back on the first day we are open. I am sure you understand these are unprecedented times and rushing in to this new way of working would not give us time to test processes in order to refine the best ways of working to keep children, staff and their families as safe as possible.

**Reception children:** Children in Reception will attend school for 3 hours per day, 4 days a week. Either 8.15-11:15am or 11:45-2.45pm Monday- Thursday. Friday school will be closed for a deep clean or all resources. Grab bags will be provided free of charge for all children to take home on a daily basis. **Children will not eat a meal in school so please plan your child's main meals around this.**

### **Organisation of the sessions:**

Children will stay in their group of 8 learners for their full 3 hour session. They will not move between adults, other children or rooms. All children will be in a classroom with toileting facilities in the room. These will not be shared between groups.

Children will be taught a mix of phonics, maths and literacy across their weekly sessions. They will also access outdoor play and other activities such as drawing and singing. Government guidance states that unnecessary equipment should be removed, as should soft furnishings, soft toys and toys that are hard to clean. This will cover much of the resources on offer in Reception therefore we will make a 'best fit' judgement to balance having quality resources on offer to aid learning, whilst aiming to keep our children as safe as possible.

There will be no larger group meetings such as collective worship, breakfast club or after school clubs taking place.

Frequent handwashing will be in place throughout the session, and supervised as much as possible.

### **Organisation for drop off/ pick up**

Your child will be assigned a classroom, this will be marked by a coloured circle. You must drop them outside the primary gates maintaining a 2m distance from all staff. Children will enter the EYFS playground and wait for their class to be called by standing on a white marker. They will be collected by their teacher and taken to the classroom. It is imperative your child arrives on time or they may have to wait with you, outside of school, until it is safe to take them to their room.



White markers

If you need to pass a message on to the teacher please email [EYFS@bradfordacademy.co.uk](mailto:EYFS@bradfordacademy.co.uk) or ring the school office.

### **Actions for parents/carers to take:**

In order to keep everyone on the Bradford Academy site as safe as possible, we are asking that all parents/carers ensure they do the following:



- Ensure your child/children always arrive on time for their session.
  - Ensure you collect your child/children on time after their session.
  - Do not arrive early to collect or drop off your child/children to avoid gatherings on site and by the gate.
  - We ask that **one adult** (known to school and over 16 in line with our usual protocol) collects your child. This is to minimise the number of people on the site.
  - Please do not enter the primary site, say your good byes at the primary gate. When collecting please form an orderly, socially distanced line and wait for staff to call you.
- ALL PRIMARY LEARNERS WILL ENTER VIA THE LISTER AVENUE ENTRANCE FOLLOWING THE MARKERS SET OUT FOR THEM. Each marker is 2m metres apart please maintain social distancing whilst waiting.**
- Ensure your child attends all their sessions (unless they or a member of your household are unwell)
  - Inform staff immediately if you or a member of your household feel unwell.
  - Do not allow your child to bring toys or other items from home e.g. teddies which may usually be kept in a cupboard by your child's class teacher.
  - After you have returned your child's reading book please do not send book bags or other items from home.
  - Please share the information in the table below with your child and talk to them about what to expect when they come back to school. We have tried to keep the language as positive as possible so children can feel excited and hopeful about their return to school. Balanced with this, we feel it's important they have an understanding (on their level) of what to expect and why.



### **When your child is not in school:**

**Home learning will continue to be set and sent out on a weekly basis to make up for the hours your child would usually be in school. Although we cannot enforce that this is completed, we would strongly encourage you to complete it with your child to best support their development.**

Please do not come onto the school site with your child/children if it is not their session at school (unless collecting siblings who are in school)

Use our usual email [EYFS@bradfordacademy.co.uk](mailto:EYFS@bradfordacademy.co.uk) and phone systems 01274 256789 if you have a query or non-urgent message to pass onto staff. This will help us minimise contact between ourselves.

### **Childcare OR school sessions:**

A small number of learners have continued to attend school whilst we have been closed to the majority. This childcare will continue to take place with the same timings as offered previously. This small group of





children will stay together using in our Year 6 classrooms, continuing to access their childcare unless their parent/carer no longer requires the use of it.

**Children in childcare will not mix with other learners in school and cannot go between the two offers. If your child is currently accessing childcare and you wish to change this to school sessions from June 22<sup>nd</sup>, please speak to school staff at drop of/pick up times.**





**Information for our Reception children. Please share this with them:**

School before we closed:	School NOW:
I was in the same room as all my classmates and all my teachers.	I have a special group. 7 other friends in my class and 2 teachers that I know well will look after me every day. I might be in my classroom, or I might have a new classroom to explore.
I used my own classrooms and other rooms around school (hall, dining area, library etc)	I stay in one classroom every day. It will be my special space to play in and learn.
I had my dinner at school (not all Nursery children)	I have my dinner at home. I will get a grab bag meal to take home every day. A picnic every day! 😊
I cuddled my friends and sometimes sat really close to them.	I will try my best to give my friends 'their space' to help keep us all healthy and happy. Sometimes I might forget but my adults will kindly remind or help me.
I sat wherever I wanted on the carpet.	I will have a carpet space where I will always sit. It will be my special sitting spot!
I played with lots of different toys and things to help with my learning which were kept around the classroom.	I will have some things in my tray (pencil, crayons, drawing/writing book etc) which are just for me to use. I will try my best to keep them safe in my tray when I'm not using them. Some things might be away in the cupboard because my teachers are keeping them extra clean!
I went outside and inside when I chose to.	We will all play inside or outside at the same time in my group so we can all stay together.
My grown up came into my classroom to say goodbye when they dropped me off at school.	I'm so grown up now that I say goodbye to my grown up at my outside door.
Reception children: I took reading books home with me in my book bag.	I will read books on <a href="http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk">www.oxfordowl.co.uk</a> Please email <a href="mailto:eyfs@bradfordacademy.co.uk">eyfs@bradfordacademy.co.uk</a> if you need support in setting this up.



## Parent Contract

As parents you have an important role to play in ensuring your child's successful transition back into school. By sending your child in you agree to abide by the statements below. If you do not feel able to support us in the ways outlined below please do not bring your child to school.

1. I understand that if anyone in my household shows signs of Covid-19 no one from my household should come onto the school premises.
2. If my child becomes unwell during the school day I must come and collect them as soon as possible.
3. If my child is sent home with Coronavirus symptoms I will follow government guidance on self-isolation and testing.
4. I understand that I will no longer be able to enter the primary site when I drop my child off. I will maintain social distancing at all times and act in a calm manner. Adults failing to follow these rules will be banned from site.
5. I understand that start times and end times will be staggered and it is vital that I drop my child off and collect them on time
6. I understand that due to the bubble system, my child may not be with their normal teacher or 'best' friends
7. I will not be able to have face to face contact with a staff member. I will give all staff on site 2m's distance
8. I understand some staff will be using PPE when needed
9. My child will wear clean clothes to school every day (not necessarily school uniform)

