

# Brambles Primary Academy Information Sheet

We have put together this information sheet to help you understand how the academy will look now we are able to reintegrate more children back into the academy.

The information in here is very important, and therefore please take the time to read it to ensure you understand the expectations of yourself, your child and staff in order to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the academy via phone or email as we are happy to clarify any points with you.

## WHAT WILL THE DAY LOOK LIKE FOR MY CHILD?

It is important to recognise that whilst we have worked hard to keep some things the same, the academy will look and feel different for us all. This is for the safety of everyone, and ensures that we meet both the government guidelines as well as the high expectations we set ourselves as a Trust.

The children have been organised into 'bubbles'. These bubbles are the different groups of children attending the academy and the children will stay in these bubbles all day.

Each bubble has their own indoor and outdoor space which is age appropriate, that they can use as often as they like throughout the day. Each bubble also has their own set of toilets and they will also have lunch together.

Throughout the day the children will enjoy reading, writing and maths activities, outdoor learning and PE. They will also complete topic work which we hope the children still home learning will enjoy too.

We will also spend lots of time supporting the social, emotional and well-being of the children as we are very mindful that this has been a challenging time for us all and we want to support our children with understanding this as much as possible.

## WHAT WILL THE ACADEMY AND CLASSROOMS LOOK LIKE?

To support and encourage social distancing, much of the furniture has been removed from classrooms to allow everyone more space. The rooms still have age appropriate resources, but less than normal. Children will also have their own work stations to use throughout the day.

On our website we have uploaded a short video of some of the areas of the academy, which will help you and your child see how the academy now looks. The link for this has been sent to you all via Marvellous Me and Facebook. We have done this to help ease any anxiety you and your child may have and we hope this makes those children returning feel more at ease on Monday morning.

### **WHAT TIME DOES THE ACADEMY START AND FINISH?**

The letter sent out has the timetable for the start and end times of the day for each bubble of children. Please ensure you look at this closely. It is also on our social media platforms.

**YOUR CHILD CAN ONLY ARRIVE AND BE COLLECTED AT THIS TIME. CHILDREN WHO ARRIVE LATER THAN THEIR TIME SLOT WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND THAT DAY. THIS IS TO ENSURE THE SAFETY AND SOCIAL DISTANCING OF OUR COMMUNITY.**

### **SOCIAL DISTANCING**

When the children return we will talk to them about the importance of keeping a safe social distance from each other. Whilst it is recognised by the government that young children are not expected to do this once in the academy, it will be facilitated and encouraged for the safety of all.

For younger children, play and areas will still be in place, but with fewer children being able to access the same toys at once, ensuring children are encouraged to keep their distance.

### **HYGIENE**

Regular handwashing will be part of your child's routine when in the academy.

Your child will have their own bag of equipment, so there is no unnecessary sharing of resources during the day.

We have a cleaner who will be with us all day, every day, who will ensure regular cleaning of corridors, toilets, hand rails, handles and rooms etc.

The academy will also be cleaned each evening and have a deep clean at the end of every week.

## **LUNCHTIMES**

We will take lunch in the dining hall as we usually do, but while distancing is in place, the children will attend the hall a 'bubble' at a time, and sit at a distance from each other. We will also make use of the quad in good weather and allow the children to sit outside – under shade if needed.

### **MEAL PAYMENT**

If your child receives free school meals or has a packed lunch then this will continue next week as normal.

Parents who pay for their child's meal will need to do so as they always have done, from Monday 1st June.

Dinner money envelopes will be made available at the office window and the box is now outside the office door.

## **LUNCHES FOR THOSE STILL AT HOME**

For those children at home, packed lunches are still available 11.30-12.30 each day from outside the hall if ordered in advance.

## **PPE AND MASKS**

Staff carrying out any clinical or imitate care are provided with PPE and are expected to wear it to carry out these duties.

Staff or children can wear general masks should they wish, but it is not recommended by the Government. Any masks brought in by staff and children must be disposed of by them at home.

## **WHO WILL BE WORKING WITH MY CHILD**

To support the safety of everyone all staff are on a rota system.

Your child will have the same staff for a week, which will change every Monday. We have worked hard to ensure that staff are working in their areas of the academy so children work with adults they know, but your child will not have their teacher with them at all times.

## **MOBILE PHONES**

If older children need to bring a mobile, they will be asked by their teacher to put this in a clear plastic wallet, and it will be stored safely for them for day. They should not go to the office.

## **A CHILD WITH SYMPTOMS**

If your child displays symptoms whilst at home then you should inform us by telephone and keep your child at home for 7 days. If they display symptoms at the academy, your child will be moved to a separate area of the academy and you will be asked to collect them immediately, which you must be available to do. All parents of children within the bubble will be informed and given next steps until testing is complete. As more information becomes available around NHS test and trace, and what this means for our community, we will share this with you, and update any procedure accordingly.

## **UNIFORM, EQUIPMENT AND WATER**

Your child should wear their academy uniform as normal when they attend as the uniform policy remains in place. If your child needs a PE kit, you will be informed on Monday-Y6 can wear theirs to school for the day of PE. Water will be provided by the academy throughout the day. Children should not bring anything else from home as all equipment will be provided for them. They will not be allowed anything on site.

## **MEDICINES AND ASTHMA**

Whilst social distancing is in place, we will not be administering any general medication; prescription or non-prescription. If your child needs this then they should stay at home.

It is still advised by Public Health that those with asthma should remain at home. If you choose to send your child they **MUST** be able to administer their own inhaler.

## **SAFEGUARDING**

To protect our community, the safety of your child remains our highest priority and all policy and protocol remains in place. Existing collection procedures and passwords will be used and so you must inform us of any change to these, or any change to your details.

## **SUN CREAM**

We are lucky at the moment to be having some lovely sunny weather. Please ensure when the weather is nice that your child has sun cream on before they attend as staff have been told not to apply it for their own safety. We will look to have some spare in the academy which they can apply themselves but this would be in addition, and should not be presumed.

## **THANK YOU**

We would like to thank you for all your patience and support over the past weeks and in the lead up to next week. If you have any questions please just not hesitate to ask.

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