

Friday 10th July

IMPORTANT -Brambles Primary Academy will re-open on Thursday 3rd September 2020

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you for your patience while we waited for further information on the wider reopening schools – the government has now published more guidance, and we summarise what we know so far below.

The government has now decided that all primary children should return to school in September- stating that ‘we are asking schools to prepare to welcome all children back this autumn. While coronavirus (COVID-19) remains in the community, schools will need to make judgments about how to balance and minimise any risks from coronavirus (COVID-19) with providing a full educational experience for children and young people’.

Over the past few weeks, we have worked incredibly hard to ensure that a detailed risk assessment has been drawn up to make sure we are now able to welcome a greater number of children back, according to these government’s guidelines.

Some of the precautions we are taking include:

- Limiting class sizes and grouping the children in ‘Year Bubbles’
- Staggering break times, and pick-up and drop-off times
- Limiting the number of children eating together at lunchtime
- Practicing social distancing and regular hand washing
- Ensure good respiratory hygiene by promoting the ‘catch it, bin it, kill it’ approach
- Increased and enhanced cleaning during the school week
- Ensuring that pupils and staff with coronavirus symptoms stay at home and go for testing
- Increased signage around the academy reminding the community of government guidelines.

All schools are different and their buildings, layout and staffing levels vary which can cause problems in keeping children apart .There can be no standard way of admitting more pupils. Therefore we do not expect that arrangements will be the same in other schools in this area. As an academy we have had to adapt teaching spaces and communal areas in order accommodate all of our pupils. Children will need to have the same teachers/adults in their ‘Year Bubble’ and stay in the same groups throughout the day to limit contact with others.

We fully appreciate the concerns you will may have about sending your child back to school and want to reassure you that we are doing everything within our powers to limit the risks to all, including changing the picking up and dropping off children, so that we limit the number of adults on site at any one time . From September all year groups will have their own gates (clearly visible) by which to enter the academy and set times to come in to school and leave- these must be followed.

Only one parent should accompany the children to drop off or pick up and social distancing must be followed.

I am further writing to inform you of some new changes to the structure of the school day here at Brambles Primary Academy

Given the need to ensure we are able to have regular ‘deep cleans’ and the fact we cannot ask staff members to work in different ‘year bubbles’ due to the risk of cross contamination, **we will be closing earlier on Wednesday afternoons** to ensure that all staff can have their Planning Preparation and Assessment time and the academy can also be rigorously cleaned during this time. This will not affect your child’s educational entitlement, as we are proposing a slightly earlier start each day to compensate.



I appreciate that these changes may affect you, in terms of childcare or working arrangements, and for that reason we will still be offering a 'Key Worker provision' until 3pm each Wednesday for those who qualify and wish to avail themselves of this.

I have enclosed the new start and finish times for each year group for the school day. I appreciate this may cause slight inconvenience for some, however until this pandemic is over we have no option but to remain alert and provide our children with the best possible option for the safest possible return to school.

Brambles Primary Academy thank you for your continued support and look forward to welcoming you all back on Thursday 3rd September at your allocated time.

Have a wonderful summer holiday but more importantly,

Stay safe .

Best wishes

Ms Karen Gleave

Brambles Daily Timings

	Year Group	Gate	Timings
Monday	Reception	EYFS gate	8.40am-3.00pm
	KS1- Y1 and Y2	KS1 gate	Y1 8.40am-3.10pm Y2 8.30am-3.00pm
	KS2- Y3,Y4,Y5 and Y6	KS2 gate	Y4 and Y6 8.30am-3.00pm Y3 and Y5 8.40am-3.10pm
Tuesday	Reception	EYFS gate	8.40am-3.00pm
	KS1- Y1 and Y2	KS1 gate	Y1 8.40am-3.10pm Y2 8.30am-3.00pm
	KS2- Y3,Y4,Y5 and Y6	KS2 gate	Y4 and Y6 8.30am-3.00pm Y3 and Y5 8.40am-3.10pm
Wednesday	Reception	EYFS gate	8.40am-1.20pm
	KS1- Y1 and Y2	KS1 gate	Y1 8.40am-1.30pm Y2 8.30am-1.20pm
	KS2- Y3,Y4,Y5 and Y6	KS2 gate	Y3 8.40am-1.20pm Y4 8.30am- 1.30pm Y5 8.40am-1.30pm Y6 8.30am-1.40pm
Thursday	Reception	EYFS gate	8.40am-3.00pm
	KS1- Y1 and Y2	KS1 gate	Y1 8.40am-3.10pm Y2 8.30am-3.00pm
	KS2- Y3,Y4,Y5 and Y6	KS2 gate	Y4 and Y6 8.30am-3.00pm Y3 and Y5 8.40am-3.10pm
Friday	Reception	EYFS gate	8.40am-3.00pm
	KS1- Y1 and Y2	KS1 gate	Y1 8.40am-3.10pm Y2 8.30am-3.00pm
	KS2- Y3,Y4,Y5 and Y6	KS2 gate	Y4 and Y6 8.30am-3.00pm Y3 and Y5 8.40am-3.10pm

