Burlington Junior School

Shaping Positive Futures

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, on behalf of the teachers and governors I would like to thank you all for your continued support during the recent lockdown. We understand that home learning has been a challenge to many and would like to thank you all for the support that you have given your child and the school over the past few weeks to enable them to be successfully home educated.

The Senior Leadership Team have been following the Government guidance and constantly reviewing our risk assessments to ensure that everything is COVID secure in preparation for the full re-opening of school on Monday 8th March. The government have made it very clear that attending school is once again mandatory and therefore all the rules on attendance will apply from this date.

Wellbeing:
As well as preparing the classrooms, teachers have been planning the curriculum to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all pupils. We know that there will be some children who are anxious or worried about returning to school and want to reassure parents/carers and pupils that we fully understand these concerns. We will continue to complete daily sessions and check ins to support all our pupils so they have the opportunity to explore their feelings and develop strategies to cope and move forward. Mrs Robson, our school PSA, is available every day if you require any support or advice with this.

Reminder of Start and End Times:
Please find below a reminder of the start and end times for each group so that we can avoid any crossing of 'bubbles' on the playground and within school. We will continue to operate a one-way system in and out of the school playground. Please enter via the gate opposite the Annexe (year 3 entrance) and exit via the lower gate, if you would like to bring your child into the school grounds. We also ask that everyone wears a mask whilst on the school playground and avoid congregating to chat to others on the playground or outside the school gates.

Year Group	Start Time	Finish Time	Entrance/Exit
Year 6	8.40am	3.05pm	In through top gate - opposite Year 3 Annexe Exit via lower gate
Year 5	8.45am	3.10pm	
Year 4	8.50am	3.20pm	
Year 3	9.00am	3.30pm	

In order to meet Government guidelines and to ensure a safe return for both staff and pupils we ask that you kindly adhere to the following:

- Parents/Carer to bring their child at the designated time and not before.
- To avoid congestion please do not stand and chat with others near the school entrances.
- Only **one** parent/carer to bring their child to school, where possible.
- When entering the playground a member of staff will greet you and sanitise your child's hands.
- If you need to contact school please phone, email or use Class Dojo as a means of communication as there will be no access to the school building without prior appointment.

- Please do not bring pencil cases from home. School will provide each child with their own pencil case and equipment to use in school.
- Your child can bring one bag in to school to keep their packed lunch, water bottle and reading book in.
- Packed lunches – these can be plastic or fabric or disposable. If plastic or fabric, please ensure that they are wiped regularly.
- Reading books will be changed on a Monday and Friday. When books are brought back to school they will be put in quarantine for 48/72 hours so that they are safe to be sent home again.
- Homework will be set online via Google Classroom

Breakfast Club
Due to limited places we are only able to offer Breakfast club to those children whose parents are key workers. The Infant and Junior school will continue to have split clubs for the continued future. Please inform the office if you require a place for your child.

Lunchtime
Hot dinners will commence on the first day back to school. These will be eaten in the Canteen and packed lunches in the classrooms or hall, at present. Please pay for the dinners (£2.20 a day) with cash, secured in an envelope with your child's name, class and amount and give this to the class teacher. A new dinner menu will be emailed out in the next few days.

PE/Games
Children can continue to come to school in their PE kit on the day they have Games.

Year 3	Thursday
Year 4	Monday
Year 5	Friday
Year 6	Tuesday

Siblings
If you have children in different year groups then you are able to bring them to school at the same time as the earliest starter and collect them at the time of the latest. Please inform the class teacher if your child will be staying until the latest exit time as they will need to remain in their own classroom until this time.

Covid 19 Symptoms
If your child is displaying any Covid-19 symptoms then they must not attend school and you must follow Public Health England's latest advice - www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms. Please inform the school promptly if your child is displaying any symptoms.

Lateral Flow Testing
As part of new procedures given by the Department of Education, all staff members are now taking a lateral flow test twice a week.

Please be assured that we will do all we can to ensure that the return to school is as safe and smooth as possible. We will continue with our vigorous cleaning regime with a member of staff moving around school cleaning surfaces at regular intervals.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school next Monday 8th March.

If you have any queries then please do not hesitate to contact the school via email or the school office 674487.

Yours sincerely

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