



BLUEBELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Autumn 1 2021

Return to school—September 2021

We are so excited to see you all on 6th September.

Covid is still with us. Whilst life is not as strict as it was, we still want to limit how much it spreads through school. Here is all the information you need to know:

Start and end of the school day

School start and end times are now **the same for everyone**. The gates and classroom doors **for all** will open at **8:40** and children should come in and go straight to class where they will have some early work to do. The bell will ring at 8:50 and the doors/gates will shut. The school day will end at **3:20pm**.

To prevent crowding at the entrances, we ask that KS1 children come in from the Wycliffe Road entrance. KS2 children should enter through the car park.

If you want to still wear a mask when coming onto the playground, we support and encourage this but you no longer have to do.

Finally, for the start and end of the day, one person is best for collection and drop-off, again to prevent crowding.

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Uniform:

Whilst we were more flexible with uniform last year, this school year, we want everyone to wear it properly. For the full school uniform list, please see the school website:

<http://www.bluebell.norfolk.sch.uk/parents/school-uniform>

Pupils can still come into school wearing PE clothes on the days of their PE lessons. They will get their timetable for this at the start of term.

If you have financial worries about uniform, please contact Sarah Honeyman, our Parent Support Advisor, who can apply for funding for you.

Lunches, breaktimes and assemblies:

We will be eating lunch again in the dinner hall. We will have separate KS1 and KS2 seatings, where the tables will be cleaned down before the next class comes in.

Outside, children will play in areas for their key stage.

We will have assemblies in the hall again, but for each key stage.



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Other actions we will take to lessen the spread:

- School staff will continue to be encouraged to **lateral flow test** at least twice a week.
- **Ventilation**—we will make sure that windows and doors are open enough to make sure there is enough air flow.
- Cleaning—we will continue to **wipe down surfaces** and **touch points** during the day.
- **Hand washing**— children will keep washing their hands as they arrive at school, before they eat, after they eat and before they leave school.

What to do if you or your child is unwell:

- If a person in the house has symptoms, or has a positive lateral flow test, they should have a PCR test. Everyone else in the house can carry on as usual.
- If your child tests positive, school needs to know so we can monitor Covid numbers in school, **but schools do not contact trace. The parent of the positive child** will be called by **Test and Trace** and they will ask some questions to help you and your child identify who was a close contact.
- If your child or a school staff member is recognised as a close contact, they should have a PCR test as a precaution. However, **children do not have to isolate and should attend school. Adults do not have to isolate, if they are double vaccinated.**
- **If a child or adult tests positive, they have to isolate at home for 10 days.**

These rules are going to take some getting used to, so please always ask if you are unsure!

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