



Friday 26th February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you're doubtless aware, the government has announced that schools will reopen to all pupils on **8th March**. How delighted we are that we shall be welcoming back all of our pupils to face-to-face education, except for any at home for ill-health or isolating/shielding reasons.

We know that our pupils will have had many different experiences but as we did in September, we will be looking to support the individual needs of our pupils and allow them time to re-integrate and rebuild their relationships with their peers and their teachers.

Lockdown has been a challenging period for us all, and we'd like to thank you for your amazing support during this difficult and uncertain time. If you or your child have any concerns about returning to school, or if you think your child might need extra support when they return, please get in touch with us via the school office.

Attendance

From 8th March, school attendance will be mandatory and our usual rules on attendance will apply.

As a reminder, your child should self-isolate and not come to school if they:

- Have coronavirus symptoms or have tested positive
- Live with someone who has symptoms or have tested positive
- Are a close contact of someone who has tested positive

In line with the latest government guidance, pupils who are **clinically extremely vulnerable should not attend school**. If your child is in this group, they should continue to learn from home until further notice. Please contact the school office if you wish to discuss this.

Our safety measures

Rest assured that we're doing everything we can to make sure our pupils can return to school as safely as possible. We'll be continuing to take the following protective measures:

- Distancing where possible
- Frequent and regular handwashing
- Good ventilation
- Regular cleaning of frequently touched surfaces
- Good respiratory hygiene – Catch it, Bin it, Kill it



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Drop-off and Pick-up

Staggered drop-off and pick-up times will continue, to support social distancing:

- Drop-off between 8.45 and 9.15am
- Pick-up between 3.10 and 3.35pm

The arrangements we had in place at the start of the academic year, in September, for drop-off and pick-up worked well and will remain in place for the foreseeable future.

May we please remind you not to gather at the school gate, nor to otherwise come onto the site without an appointment.

We ask you please to be punctual in dropping off and collecting your child/ren, and that just one adult accompanies your child to and from school. We shall expect that all adults observe social distancing as far as is possible, including outside the school gate. Please **DO NOT** move away from the one-way routes you are asked to follow on the school site for drop-off and pick-up.

Entry/exit points:

- Lansdown Lane gate near Little WASPS – Reception and Year 1.
- First Broadmoor Lane gate, at the top of the staff drive – Years 4, 5 and 6.
- Main gate on Broadmoor Lane, leading to main school office – Years 3 and 4 (plus 5 and 6 if approaching from beyond the main gate).

One-way routes are marked on the two driveways. The bark path is one-way from the first Broadmoor Lane gate towards the main driveway.

Given the continuing concerns about the levels of Covid-19, may we please urge you all to continue to do everything in your power to support our safety measures:

- Consider wearing a face covering at all times on the school site, unless you are exempt
- Meticulously respect the 2 metre social distancing guidelines
- Respond promptly if anyone in the household develops Covid symptoms
(see <https://www.wasp-school.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Covid-19-A-quick-guide-for-parents-and-carers-04.01.21.pdf> A Quick Guide for Parents and Carers)

Contacting your child's teacher

As you can appreciate it is not possible to discuss individual issues at drop-off because of the need to keep the flow moving. If you have queries, please email the school office in the normal way and we will respond as soon as we can. We respectfully ask that you do not visit the school buildings but instead continue to email or telephone regarding any concerns.

What to bring

We would like to continue to minimise the number of belongings that pupils bring into school; pupils are invited to bring a bag, coat, indoor shoes, PE kit, space for a reading book, reading record, basic stationery, lunchbox (if bringing packed lunch), water bottle, a piece of fruit for snack (KS2 only). Please discourage them from bringing any other items and please ensure that every item of their belongings is *clearly named!* It is wise to avoid any unnecessary sharing of items.



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School Uniform

We expect pupils to be smartly dressed in school uniform and we ask you to keep it washed as often as is practicable. Whilst the weather is still quite chilly at times, and as we need to continue to ventilate the buildings well, children are encouraged to bring extra clothing in to keep warm. Plain and dark is preferable, but the important thing is that nobody is cold!

Daily learning

Children will be taught in their own classes once again, with their usual class teacher(s). Their learning will continue to follow our usual curriculum, with some flexibility in the early days and weeks, to allow everyone to get back into good routines and habits with concentration levels and 'learning stamina'.

If your child is self-isolating whilst the majority of their peers are in school, then home learning that mirrors the in-school provision is shared on Class Dojo. Where completed work is shared via Class Dojo, feedback will be provided by the same route.

Lunches

School meals will continue as normal. Year groups will continue to have separate sittings in the halls, which are cleaned between sittings.

If your child brings in a packed lunch from home, all items must be manageable by the children themselves – we are unable to undo packaging or provide cutlery to pupils.

Covid symptoms

If your child does become unwell while in school, we are using specific rooms where they can be looked after away from the other children. If you receive a call to come and collect your child, please make sure that you come as quickly as possible. Thereafter, the Government rules around isolation for your child and your family will apply if your child has symptoms of Covid 19. Please note that it is vital that we have up to date contact details for you. *Please email any recently changed mobile numbers to the school office.*

If any household member develops symptoms, or indeed has a positive Covid-19 test, please inform the school office immediately and follow the latest government guidance:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-an-antigen-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>

As a school, we cannot completely eradicate any risk to children or staff of infection, but we are maximising the safety of our children and school community as far as we possibly can.

Our thanks to you

We'd like to thank you for all your support in helping your child(ren) learn from home. We know how challenging this has been for many of you.

We shall of course continue to keep in touch if we update our plans, or if we need to make changes due to new government guidance.



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School Meals at WASPS – Outstanding Payments

Before the expected return of all pupils on 8th March, may we remind parents of pupils in Year 3 to Year 6 inclusive, to settle all outstanding dinner money accounts on ParentPay. Thank you. Please be reminded that school meals must be paid for **in advance** at the start of the week. Meals cannot be provided until they have been paid for. If this is causing a problem for you, please contact Mrs Badger or Mrs Halls via the school office. Simply email and type “Dinner Money Query FAO Mrs Halls or Mrs Badger” in the subject line.

If you are in receipt of benefits, you may be eligible for “benefits-related free school meals”. **Do please apply for this** even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, because additional funding will be provided to school which can be used to support a variety of educational activities.

If you believe that this may be the case, please be sure to check the information on Bath & N E Somerset Council’s website, where an application form can also be accessed:

<https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

This applies to all eligible pupils, even in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. If your child is eligible for FSM, by applying for them vital additional funding is provided to the school to support your child’s learning.

If you would like assistance with this, please contact Mrs Halls or Mrs Badger via the school office. Simply email and put “FSM Query FAO Mrs Halls or Mrs Badger” in the subject line.

World Book Day – Thursday, 4th March

World Book Day changes lives through a love of books and shared reading. Their mission is to promote reading for pleasure, offering every child and young person the opportunity to have a book of their own. Reading for pleasure is the single biggest indicator of a child’s future success – more than their family circumstances, their parents’ educational background or their income. We want to see more children with a life-long habit of reading for pleasure and the improved life chances this brings them. Designated by UNESCO as a worldwide celebration of books and reading, World Book Day is marked in over 100 countries around the globe.

Please follow this link for book recommendations

<https://www.worldbookday.com/reading-recommendations/>

and free audio books

<https://www.worldbookday.com/world-of-stories/>

Dress as a book character - This World Book Day we invite our children and staff to attend school dressed as a book character. This does not have to be full costume; it can be a gesture such as a hat, a pair of glasses or a cloak. We ask that you kindly make a small voluntary donation via ParentPay, so that we can purchase new reading books.

Red Nose Day – Friday, 19th March

Red Nose Day needs our pupils' superpowers! If we've learnt one thing in the last 12 months, it's that life is unpredictable. One thing we can always rely on though is the power of laughter. It can change things. It can connect us. It can be the difference. That's why, on Friday 19th March, we need the children to help change the world with the “power of funny”. We would love the children to come to school dressed as a superhero and share a funny joke to spread their powers and make someone laugh. If children are learning from home, they too can join in and share their powers during their live session. Children do not have to wear full costume, a gesture such as a mask or cape is fine, but a joke is strongly encouraged!



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We already know that our WASPS children are wonderful, and by joining in this event they'll have the opportunity to give someone a lift and make them smile. They will be part of something positive.

We ask that if you can, you consider making a small donation via Parentpay to help make a big difference in a very difficult time. All donations will go directly to Comic Relief. However, there is no expectation that everyone will. This is of course entirely voluntary.

Red noses will only be on sale via this link <https://shop.comicrelief.com/collections/red-nose-day-2021>
This Red Nose day there are 10 red noses! Well, 9 red noses and one extremely rare gold nose, all of which are the most fantastically fun woodland creatures you have ever met. These noses are no ordinary noses; they are all 100% plastic free. These are, without doubt, the greenest red noses ever created!

More information

The Blue Peter team will be live on CBBC or iPlayer on Friday 19th March so check out their fabulously funny fundraising antics: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/shows/blue-peter>

Head over to <https://www.comicrelief.com/rednoseday/fundraise/free-downloads/> to download extra resources such as a quiz, fundraising activities and recipes.

Remember, by taking part you are making the world a funnier place.

National Census Day

The census is a national survey conducted every ten years which provides a picture of all the people and households in England and Wales. This helps to plan and fund public services in local areas. The next census is taking place on Sunday 21st March 2021.

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) wants to inspire the next generation to take part. Let's Count! is a programme to educate children and young people on the importance of the census and how the information collected helps shape the society we live in. This easy-to-use education programme can help improve maths and writing skills, using Census 2021, a significant real-life event, as a stimulus.

Teachers will be incorporating these activities into the children's learning in the coming weeks, leading up to "Schools Let's Count Day" on 15th March.

For more information, go to <https://census.gov.uk/media-and-campaigns/census-education-resources-programmes/> and <https://www.ichild.co.uk/>

If you want to find out more about the census visit the government website <https://census.gov.uk/>

Breakfast Club and Afterschool Centre

Please may we remind you of the following email addresses for any Breakfast Club or Afterschool Centre enquiry:

- breakfastclub@wasp-school.org.uk
- afterschoolcentre@wasp-school.org.uk



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Community Wellbeing Hub

If you are vulnerable and need help getting food, medicine, housing or other essential items, are feeling isolated, or concerned about your physical and mental wellbeing the Community Wellbeing Hub can help.

Bath & North East Somerset Council, working with 3SG, Virgin Care, and local NHS colleagues, have set up the Hub to give advice and support to those who need it during Covid-19. If you need support to self-isolate please contact them on the number below so as we can support you through this process.

If you can get **support from family, friends or the local community, or can order food or medication online, please continue to do so.** This means staff operating the phone line can prioritise those who need the most help and get to calls as quickly as possible.

Call the Community Wellbeing Hub on **0300 247 0050 9am to 5pm**, Monday to Friday.

Email BATHNES.thehub@virgincare.co.uk

Website: <http://communitywellbeinghub.co.uk>

Text **07870 868368**

Follow us on Twitter **@cwhbanes**

If you need to contact the council about its services please ring Council Connect on **01225 394041** or email Council_connect@bathnes.gov.uk

School Nursing Team Message - Child Weight Management Programme

Please see the following message from the School Nursing Team:

“Dear parents - our Leap Programme is still running. If you need help with weight management for your child during the pandemic, support is there for you. The Leap Programme is a free programme for children and young people who are above a healthy weight.

Please see the flyer at the end of the newsletter and/or contact the School Nursing team on BATHNES.schoolnursing@virgincare.co.uk if you would like further information.”

Junior Bake Off

Junior Bake Off is looking for the UK's best young bakers aged 9 to 15 years. Applications have recently opened for the 7th series of **Junior Bake Off**, a Channel 4 programme that celebrates the culinary talent and ambition of the younger generation in Britain.

Filming would take place from July 2021, but **applications close on Sunday 28th March 2021.**

Interested bakers can apply online at WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK

Any enquiries, please email applyforjuniorbakeoff@loveproductions.co.uk

Clothes Labels

Please see the flyer at the end of the newsletter regarding name labels for children's clothing and shoes. It helps us enormously if all children's belongings are clearly labelled.



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Royal High School Open Event

Please see the following message from The Royal High School:

“We are delighted to share details of our virtual Whole School Open Events. On 3rd March, the event will be split into three parts and our online visitors are welcome to join us for any of these. Timings are as follows:

- *4pm to 4.30pm – Nursery and Prep School (entry into Nursery, Reception to Year 6)*
- *5pm to 5.40pm – Senior School (entry into Years 7 to 10)*
- *6pm to 6.40pm – Sixth Form (entry into Year 12)*

The sessions will be held online – please click on the following link to register:

<https://www.royalhighbath.qdst.net/events/whole-school-open-event-03.03> “

With our very best wishes,

Mrs Sarah Halls
Headteacher

Mrs Sharon Badger
Deputy Headteacher



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LEAP is a free programme for families of children and young people who are above a healthy weight

1:1 support via telephone or video call for children aged 5-10 (with family) and those aged 10-17 years

Covering topics around:

- Healthy food and drink swaps
- Physical Activity / active play
- The impact of screen time
- Why we make certain food choices

To book a place or find out more contact the Community Wellbeing Hub
tel: 0300 247 0050 email: BATHNES.thehub@virginicare.co.uk

What are the referral criteria?

Any child referred needs to:

- Either live, attend school or has a GP in Bath & North East Somerset
- Has a BMI above the 91st centile and has received school nurse support or has a BMI above the 98th centile

In addition, parents/carers:

- Must consent to the referral and attend each session with their child (5-10 year olds only)
- Need to commit to LEAP and be ready to make lifestyle changes.

Who can make a referral?

- School nurses, GP and other health professionals
- Parents and carers
- Schools
- Family support teams, Youth groups and other agencies

For any concerns about your child's health, please contact your GP or child's school nurse.

www.bathneshealthandcare.nhs.uk



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