



# Braunstone Community Primary School

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## Updates regarding possible opening from June 1st for Nursery FS1, Reception FS2, Year 1 and Year 6

Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to write to you with a few updates and information, which I thought would be useful to you around our decision making with regards to the **possible re-opening of the school for pupils in Nursery FS1, Reception FS2, Year 1 and Year 6**. Critical worker children will continue to come to the school as they have since the lockdown began. Please note: I am unable to give you specific information at this stage due to the ongoing risk assessments and decision-making processes that we are currently completing.

Thank you to those who responded to the survey, asking if you will send your child to school. It is highly unlikely that the school will be open for pupils in the week beginning June 1st. Our ongoing decision making is based on ever changing government guidance. We have had to take many things into consideration including:

- The number of children attending,
- The classroom capacity and staff availability,
  - This will be regularly risk assessed in line with government guidance.

**Once we have made the school as safe as possible**, our plans will include a **phased return** for children in Nursery FS1, Reception FS2, Year 1 and Year 6. In order to prepare the school site for children:

- Critical key worker children will be the first to attend school from Monday 1st June and will continue with arrangements as before,
- Arrangements will then be made for Nursery FS1 and Reception FS2 children to attend on a specific start date,
- Then Year 1 to attend on a specific start date,
- Then Year 6 to attend on a specific start date.

**If we open**, breakfast club will not be available, however, provision will be made to provide a morning snack to the children on entry to the school.

Please be mindful that we may not be able to open for all the year groups outlined by the government, as we will be dictated by staffing levels and regular review of the risk assessments. Dates will be shared with you once the government has made further announcements on May 28<sup>th</sup> and then only when our planning and risk assessments are complete. **If we open:**

- Children and families coming to school will be asked to come by bicycle or through walking to school wherever possible.



- Any planning will involve groups of **no more than 15 children to a class**. Children will remain with this group of children each day. They will not mix with other groups. They **may not be with their usual class teacher or classmates**. They will be allocated to a named member of staff, who may or may not be a teacher, and the adult may possibly be from another year group.
- **Children will not be in their usual classrooms**. We will need to use all classrooms within the school to support social distancing measures and smaller class sizes.
- We will have **staggered start and end times to the school day** to avoid congestion on the school grounds.
- **Only one parent will be permitted to drop off and collect their child/children at school**, so that there are no gatherings around the school grounds.
- **Spaces around the school will be designated for certain year groups** while waiting for the school to open, and entrances and access to different parts of the school site will be limited.
- **Children will have staggered playtimes and lunchtimes** to allow for social distancing.
- **Lunch will be provided as normal for Free School Meal (FSM) pupils and those pupils not in school will continue to receive vouchers retrospectively**.
- **Parents can also buy a school packed lunch and pay in the normal way through Parent Pay**.
- Children who bring their own **packed lunches** will need to bring them in a **named plastic bag** for storage purposes in their classrooms.
- **All children will be expected to bring a bottle** to school filled with a drink and with their name on it.
- **Children will be expected to wear school uniform and sports shoes** to be able to complete physical activities and lessons at school safely. Children will **not need to bring PE kits** to school.
- Following Government guidelines, **children will not be allowed to wear facemasks or plastic gloves at school**.
- If your child is normally reluctant to leave you at the start of the school day, you must be aware that due to government guidance, the teaching staff will be unable to physically engage with your child and you may need to consider if this is going to affect them being able to attend school.

Regarding the survey about coming back to school:

- **If you have said 'no' to your child attending school and change your mind**, you will need to inform the school as soon as possible so a risk assessment can be carried out and we can check that it is safe to do so with staffing and numbers.
- **If you have said 'no' to your child attending school but that year group is being educated in school**, please be aware that **the online work will be available** but will be more **limited** than previously on offer. This will be because teachers in those year groups will be required in school. These teachers will also not be available to make the weekly phone calls.

I will continue to communicate arrangements with you when the information is available, and I continue to follow the government guidance I am being given; please be reassured that every decision that is made is with the children's, parent's and staff's best interests at heart. Every decision that we make is linked to our school ethos *Belong, Care, Persevere, Succeed*. The community spirit of Braunstone has and will continue to strengthen and shine through during these uncertain times. BCPS is proud to be at the heart of the community. Take care and stay safe.

With very best wishes,



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