Return to School – Spring Term 2021 – Monday 8th March
Please read the following information carefully and keep it safe for reference.

The Rationale of welcoming all children back to school in March

Prevention:

- *Minimise contact – adult to adult, adult to child, child to child*
- *Ensure face coverings are used in recommended circumstances*
- *Ensure everyone washes hands regularly*
- *Ensure good respiratory hygiene (catch it, bin it, kill it)*
- *Maintain enhanced cleaning*
- *Minimise contact across the site and maintain social distancing wherever possible*
- *Keep occupied spaces well ventilated*

Response to any Infection:

1. Engage with NHS Test & Trace process
2. Manage confirmed cases of COVID-19 amongst the school community
3. Contain any outbreak by following local health protection team advice.

Dear Parents,

We are looking forward to welcoming all of the children back to school on Monday 8th March. The arrangements remain predominately the same as they did in September, with a few additions according to guidance.

Practical Arrangements

Start of the day
We will be welcoming back all children from Years 1 to 6 on Monday 8th March. All the children will need to be in school for registration by **8.50 a.m.,** in order to start lessons at **9 a.m.**

We do not intend to stagger the start times since this can cause problems when there are siblings in different classes. However, we will ask the children to enter the building in the following places:

Squirrels – up the main drive and through Squirrels side gate
Otters – through side gate and into their classroom via the Otters outside area.
Foxes – through the side gate and into their classroom via the 'normal' entrance.
Badgers – up the main drive and through the fire doors.

The children will need to wash their hands before coming into school. We would ask that parents and children social distance as they wash hands and enter the building. **Please can we ask that only one person drops off per family and that you do not linger and talk in the carparks.**

We ask that the adult dropping off wears a mask.

We cannot admit adults to the site at the present time without a prior appointment. If you need to speak to a member of staff, please phone or email the office and we will arrange a suitable time.

Lunchtime
The full menu will be on offer form the kitchen (the options will change after Easter) we start on week 1 or the children are welcome to bring packed lunch from home. The fruit scheme will continue for children in Year 1 and Year 2. Children in Foxes and Badgers should bring in their own healthy snack. The tuck shop **will not** be open.

Equipment
Your children **will need** the correct school uniform, a water bottle, to wear P.E kit on the day it is time tabled and a coat appropriate for the weather.

They **will not need** any bags, stationary or items from home. Lockers will not be in use until further notice.

P.E days – children will need to wear their P.E kit to school
Badgers – Monday and Wednesday

Foxes – Tuesday and Wednesday

Otters – Monday and Wednesday

Squirrels – Monday and Thursday

Before and After School Club
These will run from Monday 8th March for parents who need this order to work.
Mrs Martin will be running our Early Birds and Mrs Daniel will be running our After School Club (Late Birds).

Due to COVID the club will need to run in the following way:

1. The clubs will run in the hall and the children will need to stay in their class bubbles, separate from each other. In the case of siblings, they should stay in their bubble rather than with their family member. You may need to talk to your child about this.
2. We will not provide food after school, however children may bring a packed tea or snack to eat. We will continue to encourage them to drink from their water bottle, that they have brought in to school.
3. Places for **Early and Late Birds** will need to be booked a week in advance. We would request that all bookings are made by the Thursday of the week prior to attending;
4. **Please be aware that if you book a place at either club and do not attend you will still be charged.** This is a change to previous protocol when we were able to be more flexible. Please remember that we need to pay staff and cannot afford to run at a loss.
5. The children will be able to access most of the resources that we have used previously although there may be some adaptations.

Thank you for your co-operation and understanding.

End of the day
Children in Squirrels will leave at 3.15pm through the carpark

Children in Otters class will leave at 3.15pm through the side gate.

Children in Foxes class will leave at 3.30pm through the side gate.

Children in Badgers class will leave at 3.30pm through the fire door on the main drive.

In order to help parents, organise pickup children in Foxes and Badgers with younger siblings in Otters and Squirrels will be able to leave at 3.15pm through their normal exit.

Please can we ask that only one person collects per family and that you do not linger and talk in the carparks.

Communication to School
Please direct all communications through the school office and not directly to the teacher's emails. We will ensure that all messages are delivered as they were pre lockdown. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-of-children-attending-out-of-school-settings-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-of-children-attending-out-of-school-settings-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak

Important Considerations

We know that children will have different reactions regarding the return to school and that this may be a time of further uncertainty for them. If you have any concerns at all and would like to ask advise, please do not hesitate to contact us and we will make sure that we support you effectively. Please be assured that the welfare of your child(ren) is at the forefront of everything that we do here and we will make sure that this transition is a positive experience.

All the staff who work in school test twice a week using the COVID-19 self-test kit. Please do not send your children to school if they or anyone in the family/support bubbles is unwell. We would ask that you remain cautious, and establish the nature of the illness before sending them to school and risking the health and wellbeing wider school community.

Here at Broughton we are really proud of the way that our whole school community works together sensibly and sensitively to support each other. I have absolutely no doubt that this re-opening to all families will be a happy and joyful time and that as usual, Broughton Primary School will be filled with happy smiling faces from both staff and pupils.

Kind regards

Lucy Macey – Headteacher.