



# Boughton-under-Blean & Dunkirk Methodist Primary School



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Dear Parents

I hope you are all well and the children that are still at home are continuing to cope with this situation. Perhaps the lightening of the lockdown restrictions have made things a little easier although really of course we are still so far from any sense of normality.

We have been making plans for September although these are still to be finalised – they are so hot off the press that I haven't even shared them with staff yet! I guess I would like to reassure you that we will be open to all children from Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September and the school will be safe and operating within the guidelines set by the government. Of course some things may well change and that is where consultation with the staff is so important and why I can't give you more information at the moment than I currently am. Further to this, the governors have an important role to play in questioning and challenging me on my decisions, which they always do in an effective but fair way. Below are a few points to reassure you and I will hopefully send out the finer details by the end of the term.

- There will be staggered start times but these are likely to be between 8:35am and 8:55am.
- There will be staggered departure times but these are likely to be between 3pm and 3:20pm.
- This will be slightly different for the new reception children and they will be informed separately in a letter about the transition process as a whole
- The classes will be contained in 'bubbles' for their year groups.
- We are expecting there to be school dinner provision although we will need plenty of prior warning if a child is to be having a school lunch.
- Children will be expected to be in full school uniform and will need their PE kit in school.
- I would like there to be some sort of before and after school provision although I do not yet have a solution for that. A short questionnaire will be sent out so we know who needs some form of wrap around care.
- The office will remain closed and the school site will generally remain closed to parents and visitors.



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- We will do our very best to look for gaps in the children's learning and ensure that we provide the best support possible to help the children.

That last point has been at the forefront of our minds throughout this which is why the staffing structure for next year is how it is. I am incredibly lucky to have staff so committed to our school and as such we have a very stable set of teachers. This will help a great deal in our provision for next year as we can hit the ground running with the support for the pupils' wellbeing as well as our teaching and learning. The majority of intervention will need to take place in class although until we know exactly where the need is more prominent some things could change. The class teams are as follows:

Reception – Miss Holness with Mrs Wiffen and Mrs Branton

Year 1 – Miss Ewing with Miss Brincat and Mrs Coles

Year 2 – Miss Holmes with Miss Hobbs

Year 3 – Miss Fuller with Miss Jarman and Mrs Collyer

Year 4 – Mrs Munro with Mrs M Jones and Mrs Brown

Year 5 – Mrs Cottenden/Mrs Blunt with Mrs Goode and Mrs Berry

Year 6 – Mr Warner with Mrs Douglas and Mrs N Jones

Mrs Fulton and Mr Packer will also continue to work with us.

Andrea Richardson has decided that now is a good time to retire so that she can have time to appreciate her grandchildren and enjoy life away from busy school life. Mrs Richardson has worked for us for 12 years and has been the year 2 teaching assistant throughout my time here. She will be sorely missed and I am certain that she has had such a positive impact on so many different children that have passed through our school. I'm sure you will join me in wishing her all the very best for the future.

We are very lucky to have Jane Brown join our team of highly skilled teaching assistants in September. Mrs Brown has been working in breakfast club and will continue with this as well as joining the year 4 team. I'm sure she will be an asset to our school.

Thank you to everyone that contributed to the Demelza House Shorts for Short Lives fundraising activity. We raised £146.50 and the winner of the sweep stake will be announced on Friday.

We have signed up for an initiative with the Salvation Army that take unwanted clothes and redistributes them. Although this is starting with school uniform it will be other clothes in September, so if you have had a lockdown inspired sort out please hold on to the unwanted items. Look out for a separate letter sent out today.

The children will be working in new books in September so another letter will be sent with details of how you can collect your children's books over the next week. Please note that we will not be holding on to any books over the summer holidays.

It is with great sadness that we finally have to admit defeat and cancel the year 6 September residential trip to Hindleap. The current restrictions means it is just not feasible. We have been unable to rebook a different date, however we seek to do something special for the children in the summer term next year. Whilst this is unlikely to be a residential trip on this scale we have a few ideas that we can look into in the next academic year. The office will be in touch soon with your full refund.

The year 2 trip to Leeds castle will also be refunded to those that paid and again you will hear from the office shortly.

Thank you again for all the support you have given the school and staff throughout this period of time. We will do all we can to make September run as smoothly as possible but I know you will forgive me for any last minute alterations to plans that may occur. As I have said to the staff, whatever we put in place will be successful because we have a can-do attitude and look for the positives and I know you and your children are exactly the same. Thank you for that.

Yours sincerely

Mr S J Way