

De Bohun Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well and looking forward to the summer break.

I am writing to welcome you and your child/ren to their new year group in the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) and to let you know that I am looking forward to working with you all this coming academic year.

You may already have met your new class teacher via our virtual home visits or phone calls. Please see the list below to find out class names and teachers.

Pre-School - Mrs Rodgers

Nursery - Mrs Millane

RMB - Mrs McAfee & Mrs Bliben

RAH - Miss Hodgson

Some other important, key information I would like to share with you is set out below which will hopefully enable your child's transition to their new class to be as secure and comfortable as possible:

Bubbles

Year groups will create their own 'bubbles'. This means the children and staff will remain the same as far as possible and 'bubbles' will not mix with other bubbles within the school. Pre-School and Nursery will create one year group bubble, sharing their outdoor area and adults to support lunchtimes. Reception shall create a separate bubble, with both classes RAH and RMB mixing together, sharing the three indoor classrooms and the outdoor area.

School timings

You will soon be receiving a letter which will provide you with your child's start date and time. At De Bohun, we pride ourselves in ensuring a smooth and easy transition for children, most of which is usually prepared in the summer term. This year things have been very different, therefore our autumn term entries will look slightly different to previous years. While we would love to have all of the children in school from the beginning it is very important that we stagger the start dates to ensure children get to know their new teachers and environment in smaller groups. This will enable them to form good relationships with adults and peers and is particularly important for the children to feel happy, safe and secure.

Please see your start date letter for more information specific to your child. Please do not hesitate to discuss any questions with myself or your child's class teacher.

Once your child **attends full time sessions** the start and end times of the school day will be as follows;



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Pre-School & Nursery

AM SESSION 8.30am- 11.30am or PM SESSION 12.30-3.30pm

If your child attends a full day the hours will be 8.30am-3.30pm

Reception

8.50am-3.15pm

All children in EYFS will enter and leave the school via the gate on our school field. This will allow parents and children to socially distance from other year groups in the school.

Settling in sessions

We usually invite parents into their child's classroom on their first day/session at school, however due to social distance measures we cannot continue with our usual routines. Instead, we will be offering the following measures to ensure parents can still support their child's transition into their new class.

- Parents can bring their children into the outdoor area where activities will be set up for the children to play with. The session will be mainly outside so please dress yourselves and your child according to the weather.
- PPE will be available for parents to wear when entering the indoor environment.
- Parents will be shown the enter and exit points for the outdoor area (one way)
- Parents will need to socially distance from other children and adults
- Parents will be allowed to enter the indoor classroom with their child to help them familiarise themselves and find their peg. Staff members will let parents know when this is possible, keeping to no more than three parents inside a classroom at one time to maintain social distancing.
- Class teachers will discuss with parents when they should leave their child and come and collect them based on how happy and settled the child is.
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Lunchtimes

Children staying for lunch will eat in the dining hall with the adults working in their year group 'bubble'

Children in Pre-School and Nursery will need to bring their own packed lunch if they stay for the full day session 8.30-3.30pm.

Children in **Reception** are able to select a hot meal provided by the school for free. Children can also bring a packed lunch from home if you prefer.

When they have finished eating the children will have a 'playtime' in their outdoor area.

Social distancing/Hand washing/Hand sanitising

Children will be able to sit with the other children in their 'bubble'. They cannot interact with children in other year groups or 'bubbles'. Any soft furnishings or soft toys (difficult to keep clean) will continue to be removed from classrooms. Hand sanitiser will be applied by staff to children's hands as they enter their classroom and as they leave the classroom. Anti-bacterial hand wash is available in every classroom and will be encouraged to be used during class activities or at specified times of the day. Each child will have their own pencil case with their own resources contained within which will be used when they are working with an adult.

PE

Children in **Reception** will have a PE lesson once a week. Please send your child to school in their PE kit on a PE day. Your class teacher will let you know the allocated day in September.

Spare clothes

Please bring in a set of spare clothes for your child in a plastic bag labelled with their name and class. This bag can remain on their peg so it is in school should your child need to be changed. An adult from your child's class will let you know if they have been changed and need a new set of spare clothes.

I look forward to welcoming you and your children to De Bohun in September and hope that you have a happy and safe summer holiday. Please contact me or your child's new class teacher if you have any questions.

Kind Regards,

Sadie Moorhouse Assistant Head Teacher EYFS

