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Dear parents and carers,

We hope that you have had a wonderful holiday and we are really looking forward to seeing you all again on **Monday, 6th September**.

Please note our telephone number has now changed – **01273 077130**

School staff are back in school on Thursday, 2nd September for training, planning and preparation. Please be aware that calls may not be answered due to staff being in training. Leave a message and we will get back to you when we can.

Gates for drop-off and pick-up

The table is a reminder of where to drop-off and pick-up your child(ren). The window of time has worked well in preventing congestion and the children enjoy having one of their school adults meet them at the gate each morning. We will continue with this routine for this term.

Please remember that the sibling gate can only operate in the morning (08:40-08:50).

Please also note that the bottom Milner Road gate is for our new reception children only (Years 1 and 2 can enter via the middle Coombe Road gate). This is to enable our new children to get used to their new routine without congestion.

Please also note the change in the pick-up window of time for our junior children.

| Class/Yr | Bubble | Allocated Gate | Drop-off/Pick-up windows |
|----------------------------------|--------|--------------------|--|
| Poppy Class (YrR) | Lower | Bottom Milner Road | 08:40-08:50 14:50-15:00 |
| Buttercup Class (Yr1) | | Middle Coombe Road | |
| Sunflower Class (Yr2) | | Middle Coombe Road | |
| Emerald Class (Yr3) | Upper | Top Coombe Road | 08:40-08:50 15:00-15:10 |
| Indigo Class (Yr4/5) | | Top Milner Road | |
| Amethyst Class (Yr6) | | | |
| Sibling Gate (for siblings only) | | Middle Milner Road | 08:40-08:50 (this gate only operates at drop-off) |

Guidance to reduce the spread of Covid

New guidance has been issued by the NHS and DfE and can be found by visiting our website <https://www.coomberoad.brighton-hove.sch.uk/about-us/news/news-1> where you will find a link to download their latest FAQ leaflet. Please be aware that we have produced our own Risk Assessment based on this guidance – and therefore the information you read here is most relevant to our school and community.



School is the best place for your child to be.

With the easing of COVID-19 restrictions, children are now able to enjoy more freedom in their education.

Being at school keeps children's education on track, so they can achieve their full potential, while also benefitting their mental and physical health and wellbeing.

We are doing everything we can to ensure your child can continue to attend school.

Bubbles

Children will be able to mix more freely, although we will continue to keep juniors and infants in their own areas for the time-being (as 'Lower' and 'Upper' bubbles).

Lunch and break-times will be together in these bubbles.

Sports and practical activities will begin to take place outside of bubbles.

Face Coverings

Face coverings are no longer required although adults may choose to wear one if they prefer.

Cleaning & Ventilation

Regular hand-washing and cleaning of surfaces will continue, as well as keeping rooms well-ventilated.

Positive Cases & Close Contacts

Advice will be given by the school if this happens.

Current guidance states that, if your child is a close contact, they will no longer need to self-isolate but should obtain a PCR test.

If your child develops symptoms they will need to self-isolate and cannot come out of self-isolation until a negative result is known (by PCR test). Our school will require evidence of this test before a child can return.

As a school, we will offer advice which is dependent on the circumstances at the time and the number of cases known.

The main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are a high temperature, a new, continuous cough and a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste.

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- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If you have any of these symptoms, get a PCR test (test that is sent to a lab) to check if you have coronavirus and stay at home until you get your result, even if the symptoms are mild.



Vaccinations

Vaccinations are currently being offered for 16+ years.
Primary school children are not being offered the vaccination.
All school staff have been offered this vaccination.

Home Learning

Home learning will be set if your child has a positive PCR test and therefore needs to self-isolate.

Attendance

Attending school is required by Law.

If a child's attendance falls below 96%, we will make you aware.

Please note that we will continue to follow the Attendance Policy and you are at risk of a FPN (Fixed Penalty Notice of £60 per parent per child) if your child's attendance falls below 95%.

Leave of Absence (holidays) will not be authorised and you will need to fill in a 'Leave of Absence' Form for safeguarding purposes (so that we know you and your family are safe). If we are unable to contact you, we may refer the case to FDfF (Front Door for Families).

Please continue to call us each day your child is absent from school on **01273 077130**. This is a safeguarding procedure so that we are aware your child and family are safe. We may ask for medical evidence if your child's attendance is poor due to illness. Again, this is part of our safeguarding procedures and enables us to support you should you need it (e.g. - the School Nurse).

Further information on attendance can be found here <https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/children-and-learning/absent-school> and also via our website <https://www.coomberoad.brighton-hove.sch.uk/e-office/attendance>

Uniform & PE Kits

Children should be in uniform every day unless there is an exceptional reason. Details of our uniform can be found on our website <https://www.coomberoad.brighton-hove.sch.uk/e-office/starting-at-coombe-road/uniform>

Children in Indigo and Amethyst Classes can wear PE kits when this lesson is being taught. Mr O'Connor and Mr Milsted will inform your children of these days and we will also send you a timetable next week (via Ping).

All other classes change for PE in school so please make sure they have their kit available.

Staff Absence

Ms Folley is still recovering and will not be back in September. We all wish her a speedy recovery and hope that she is back with us soon.

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