



Brixworth C.E.V.C. Primary School

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Dear Parent,

Following the Government's announcement, I am delighted to confirm that Brixworth School will open to all pupils on 8th March 2021.

The guidance for the reopening of schools remains the same as when they returned in the Autumn Term. Children will be in class groups. Each group will have their own space in the playground for playtime and lunchtime. They will eat lunch together in their own designated space and play together outside in their zone. Groups will be kept apart from other groups where possible and additional precautions will also be in place for moving around the school site to minimise contact between places.

Within each classroom, children will be encouraged to socially distance and they will, where practical, be sat in rows rather than groups. There will be greater restrictions on shared resources to maintain the necessary hygiene standards so things like outdoor play equipment and some toys may not be available. Children will have their own set of everyday equipment such as pencils and whiteboards to make sure they are not sharing items. Children will be allowed to bring in bags from home, including reading books, they should bring a pair of trainers for PE lessons but, initially, they will not be asked to bring a change of clothes for PE lessons.

Lunchtime

Hot and cold meals will be available from Kingswood. If you wish your child to have a school meal you will need to order their lunch on the Kingswood website <https://www.kingswoodcatering.co.uk/login> by Wednesday 3rd March.

Remote Learning

The government has asked schools to provide home learning for any children who have to self-isolate if there is a COVID-19 infection in their group or in the school as a whole. We will continue to use google classrooms as our means of providing this learning or the ILD for children in Reception.

Social distancing for adults

Start and end times will be staggered alphabetically by surname to minimise the number of people on the school site at any time. We have also allocated different entrance gates to further reduce the numbers in one place. Parents/ carers should not gather at entrance gates or doors, and families will need to keep 2m apart at all times. There will also remain restrictions on visitors to school and school will communicate with parents/carers online or by phone. Parents/carers will not be allowed into the school building unless, and only in exceptional circumstances, they have a prebooked appointment to see a member of staff.

Only **one** parent/carer may bring a child to school or collect them at the end of the day.



SCHOOL MEMBER



Staggered start and end times

	Start time	End time
A-G	8.45-8.55	2.55-3.05
H-P	8.55-9.05	3.05-3.15
Q-Z	9.05-9.10	3.15-3.20

Please note, children will not be allowed onto the school site before their allocated start time and must not congregate around the school entrance.

Entrance Gates

The table below gives details regarding the entrance gates your child will need to use when they return to school. We have also attached a map of the school to show you which gates to enter and the route to follow around school.

	Entrance	Parent Exit
EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2	Middle gate	Library
Year 3	Top gate	Library
Mrs Barber and Miss Fortnum's class	Car Park Pedestrian gate	
Year 5, Mrs Varrier, Miss Bond's class	Top gate	
Miss Davies, Mrs Casson/Mrs Burton's class	Car Park Pedestrian gate	

Parents of children in Reception, Year 1-3 are welcome to drop their children off at their classroom door but please follow the one way system and exit via the library.

Families who have siblings in EYFS/KS1 and KS2 should use the middle gate entrance and KS2 children will be directed to their classroom. At the end of the day the KS2 siblings will be picked up from the playground.

Face Coverings

We request that face coverings are worn by parents and carers at all times whilst they are on the school site, including drop off and pick up times. Staff and adult visitors will wear face coverings when moving around school in corridors and communal areas.

The current guidance states that children in primary school do not need to wear a face covering. Any pupil wearing non-disposable face coverings when arriving to school will be expected to bring a plastic bag to keep these in during the school day. If they are using disposable face coverings, these will be put in a covered bin.

Pupils wearing any sort of face covering when arriving at school will wash their hands on arrival (as all pupils will), dispose of/store the covering, and wash their hands again before going to their classroom.

Uniform

Children will be expected to wear their school uniform. The guidance for schools states: 'Uniforms do not need to be cleaned any more often than usual, nor do they need to be cleaned using methods which are different from normal.'

Attendance

The government has stated that from 8th March School attendance will be mandatory again. This means from that point, the usual rules on school attendance will apply.

Before and After School Club

Both Breakfast Club and Mighty Oaks will reopen. If you use either of these facilities, further information will follow.

Whole School Assemblies

Unfortunately, we will not be able to hold whole school assemblies; however, we will provide acts of collective worship in class groups.

How can we ensure infection control and keep the school clean?

- Minimising contact with individuals who are required to self-isolate by ensuring they do not attend school.
- Ensuring face coverings are used in recommended circumstances.
- Ensure everyone is advised to clean their hands thoroughly and more often than usual.
- Ensuring good respiratory hygiene - promote the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.
- Maintain enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces often, using standard products, such as detergents.
- Minimising contact and mixing by altering, as much as possible, the environment (such as classroom layout) and timetables (such as staggered break times).
- Classrooms will be well ventilated throughout the day. This means opening windows and doors, creating a throughput of air, so please can your child bring their sweatshirt or cardigan with them every day.
- Ensure individuals wear the appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) where necessary
- Promote and engage in asymptomatic testing. Most staff will test twice a week as part of the rapid testing programme (LFD) which will help to identify asymptomatic positive cases.

As a school we will be cleaning all surfaces regularly and hand sanitiser will be in every classroom. Bins will be emptied regularly and waste double bagged. The school has employed a cleaner throughout the school day and the building will be thoroughly cleaned daily. If anyone has symptoms of coronavirus then they will immediately be isolated and families will then need to follow government guidance on self - isolating.

Actions parents/carers and children must agree to:

- Children must **not** come into school if they have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms or have tested positive in the last 10 days.
- Only parents/carers who are free of symptoms will be able to drop off or collect their child.
- Only one parent per family to drop off or collect.
- Drop off and collection will be staggered and signs or instructions must be followed.
- Children will not require a PE kit. They need a pair of trainers for PE lessons and playtimes.
- If anyone in the household develops symptoms then they must contact the school as a matter of urgency.
- All children will be required to wash their hands upon arrival and follow the guidance displayed in school.
- Hands must be washed frequently throughout the day.
- Engagement with the NHS Test and Trace process

Parents/ carers must also be ready and willing to:

- Book a test if a child is displaying symptoms.
- If children are displaying symptoms in school they will be sent home.
- Make arrangements to collect their child immediately.

- Provide details of anyone they have been in close contact with (outside of school) if they were to test positive for coronavirus or if asked by NHS Test and Trace.
- Self-isolate if they have been in close contact with someone who develops symptoms or someone who tests positive for coronavirus.

Tests can be booked online through the NHS testing and tracing for coronavirus website

(<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-an-antigen-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>), or ordered by telephone via NHS 119 for those without access to the internet.

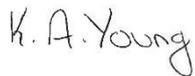
Parents must inform the school immediately of the results of a test, whether positive or negative.

Medication

If your child requires an inhaler, please ensure there is a valid one in school, which will be kept with the classteacher. Epipens will continue to be stored in the school office.

Thank you so much for your continued support and understanding.

Yours sincerely



Kathryn Young
Headteacher