Friday 3rd September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

The staff have been in school over the last couple of days making their final preparations in readiness for welcoming the children to school. We are looking forward to seeing everyone and building relationships with the new children, parents and classes. The start of a new school year is always a very special and exciting time.

Health and Safety around school
As members of society and as a school community, we continue to adapt to the Government guidance, alongside a gradual return to ‘normal’. Covid-19 has not gone away and we all need to keep each other safe. Below are a few bullet points relating to recent guidance, which summarise the main changes to our risk assessment.

- Close contact Tracing and Isolation – The NHS will make contact with the close contacts of any positive cases and advise accordingly. Children under 18 years will not need to isolate, however the NHS may advise them to take a PCR test. Staff who have been double vaccinated, will not need to isolate as close contacts, however the NHS may advise them to take a PCR test. If a child or member of staff is symptom free, they can continue to attend school as they wait for PCR test results.
- Any child who develops or shows symptoms of Covid-19, must not attend school or be collected from school as soon as possible and will be required to isolate pending a PCR test.
- As a one-form entry school for the most part, we will remain in year group bubbles. Mixing year groups will take place gradually at assembly time, break and lunchtime initially with 2 year groups at a time.
- It is down to individuals (adults) to decide whether they continue to wear a mask.
- All perimeter gates can be used, but please be mindful of social distancing when on site. The one-way systems around the school site have now ceased.
- We will continue with our regular cleaning, ventilation, regular handwashing and ‘Hands, face, space’ routines.

PE Lessons
Children will continue to come to school in their PE kit on the days they have PE. A polite reminder of expectations regarding kit – no logos please.
Children that bring kit that is not considered in line with school uniform, will be given a spare kit to wear until appropriate uniform is brought to school.

Indoor kit
- Plain white t-shirt
- Black shorts
- Black rubber soled pumps

Outdoor kit
- Plain white t-shirt
- Plain navy jogging bottoms
- Plain navy sweatshirt / hoodie
- Plain black trainers
Please find the days that each class will have PE in the table below.

The swimming sessions whilst refurbishment is completed at Bingley Pool, will take place at Shipley Pool on a Wednesday morning. Details have been sent separately prior to the summer holiday break.

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**School Day**
Nursery - 8.45 a.m. - 2.45 p.m.
Years 1, 3 and 5 - 8.40 a.m. - 3.00 p.m.
Reception, Years 2, 4 and 6 - 8.30 a.m. - 2.50 p.m.

**Before and After School Care**
A reminder that childcare provision runs before (from 7.30 a.m.) and after school (finishes at 6.00 p.m.)
Fees are:
£ 5.00 Breakfast session
£ 8.00 After School Club finishing at 5.00 p.m.
£11.00 After School Club finishing at 6.00 p.m.
Please contact [helen.boocker@myrtlepark.bradford.sch.uk](mailto:helen.boocker@myrtlepark.bradford.sch.uk) for enquiries.

**Safeguarding**
The staff teams, over time, will become familiar with family members who drop off and collect your child. If for any reason there is a change in the person collecting, please inform the school office as soon as possible. Please be patient as we get to know our families.

**Contacting school**
If the matter is urgent - always telephone school on 01274 564681.
General enquiries - [admin@myrtlepark.bradford.sch.uk](mailto:admin@myrtlepark.bradford.sch.uk)
Covid test results and more sensitive issues - [office@myrtlepark.bradford.sch.uk](mailto:office@myrtlepark.bradford.sch.uk)
As a matter of precaution, we encourage contact to be remote wherever possible. As a school, we are building up the face to face meetings that take place depending on the circumstances. Any further information regarding contacting school can be found as part of the Communications Policy on the school website.

We look forward to welcoming you back to school!

Yours sincerely

Mrs Sarah Huby
Headteacher