



Upper Beeding Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

It was lovely to see some of the children return back to school last week. They very quickly adapted to the new rules and expectations and we are very proud of them. Thank you also to all the parents for keeping to the times and social distancing – every little bit helps.

Reminders

As the weather is so variable at the moment, please make sure all children have a rain coat with them as well as sun cream! Please also ensure that they bring in a water bottle and a snack every day and have different clothes on for each day they are in. Thank you for your help with this.

SPORTS Virtual Competition

It is great to see some children, families and teachers taking part and logging their scores. This week it is **ATHLETICS**. Please click on the link and have a look at: <https://www.activesussex.org/virtual/> This link gives you the activities to have a go at and where you can log your score. You can do this as many times as you want!

Home Learning

New work and ideas are on the VLE class pages for you to do with your children for everyone learning at home. We are all looking forward to hearing about your home learning and the activities you have been doing.

Please follow us on <https://twitter.com/beedingprimary> and keep sending their work electronically, by taking a picture and sending via email, or via the VLE as we are showcasing work on our Twitter feed and this is the safest method for all.

For those parents who have been sending in children's work on paper, please note that we are now only able to accept this at the School Office in a sealed paper envelope, which staff will open after 72 hours. Thank you for your support with this.



Class Organisation for September

As advised in last week's letter to parents, we are organising classes for September based on what we know about the children: their friendships, learning styles, abilities and information from parents' evening. If you have any **concerns you would like us to consider regarding friendships**, please let us know by **4:00pm today Monday 8th June**. **Whilst we do try take everything into consideration, unfortunately we cannot accommodate parents asking for their child to be with specific children in a class together next year.** The final class lists are always considered very carefully to meet the needs of every child and they cannot be changed once they are published.

Childcare

If at any point over these next two weeks your family circumstances change and you fall into one of the Key Worker categories where it is essential you have childcare, please communicate this information by emailing the School Office with the completed form that is being sent out today, **Monday 8th June**. If you are unable to send us an email, please telephone us on **01903 812288** to let us know when you can collect a form.



Please leave a message if necessary. **We are full on some days, in some bubbles, but will do all we can to help if there is space available.**

It is really helpful for us to have this information as soon as possible so we can ensure we have enough staff in school to meet the needs of the children we have in our care and ensure we follow Covid-19 guidelines.



Reception returning to school this week

It has been an absolute pleasure to see some of our Reception children return to school this morning especially how they bounced and ran in! We cannot wait to see our other Reception children on Thursday.

Things to remember:

	Childcare All week	Year 6 Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri	Year 1 Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri	Reception Group 1 Mon, Tues	Reception Group 2 Thurs, Fri
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Start	8:40 - 8:55	9:00 - 9:15	9:15 - 9:30	9:00 – 9:15	9:00 – 9:15
Finish	15:10	15:00	14:45	14:30	14:30
<u>PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ARE KEEPING TO START/FINISH TIMES</u> <u>FOLLOW SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDANCE</u> <u>SCHOOL CAR PARK IS OUT OF USE</u>					

What must my child bring to school?

Each child will need to bring their own resources to avoid cross-contamination (please contact us if any item is an issue and we of course will help).

- Their own pencil case/sandwich bag containing a sharpened pencil, pencil sharpener, pen (KS2), colouring pencils, ruler and glue stick
- Named water bottle
- Named sun hat, sun cream and hand cream (if needed)
- Rain coat
- Lunchbox – if having packed lunch
- Healthy fruit snack for break time as school will not be able to provide this

How will I communicate with school / get a message to a teacher?

Please use the School Office email address for contact and communication as we will not be able to have the normal drop-off/pick-up 'chats'.

If I don't send my child to school in the first weeks, can I change my mind?

We understand that some parents are concerned about sending children back to school. As time goes on, this may change. If you change your mind, then you can send your child back on the Monday of the following week provided you have let us know in writing. When children do return, we expect them to attend all the days that school is open for them as we try to get some routine and normality back.

More detail about returning to school and how it is organised can be found in the letter sent by email to parents on Friday 22nd May. This letter is also on our school website.

In order to ensure the safety of the rest of the school community, it is vital that any parents choosing to send their child to school respect all Government guidance and are not mixing with others outside of their household beyond the current regulations. If school has evidence that this is not the case, we reserve the right to not provide places for those children

Thank you for your continued support and messages - they are greatly appreciated by all of us.

Best wishes and stay safe.

Becky Linford
Headteacher

