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Dear Parents and Carers

As I am sure you are aware the school will be fully opening from Monday 7th September 2020. I appreciate that for many of you the thought of sending your child back to school in the middle of a global pandemic is worrying. In this letter, I would like to be clear about what the school will be doing when we fully reopen to keep your children safe.

Our number one priority for children returning to us is to be the safe, welcoming and friendly school we have always been.

- Each class will operate as a bubble. What that means is that the class and the adults will not mix with other classes.
- They will arrive and leave at separate times.
- Each class will have their lunch and breaks at separate times and in separate places.
- We will not be having large group gatherings like assemblies (we will do these with videos in the classroom).
- We will not be using the dinner hall. Children will still be able to have a hot lunch but this will be brought to the classroom in takeaway containers with wooden disposable cutlery.
- Children will not be in the school corridor so will not have to pass other children in other classes.
- PE will only take place outside and again will be separate from other classes.
- In class most children will be sitting facing the front.
- We will have hand sanitizer stations at the entry point of each class and children will sanitize their hands every time when they enter and leave.
- Each child will have their own set of resources so that they do not have to share.

Children will receive the same fun, broad and balanced curriculum as always with a focus on literacy and maths in the morning and topic activities in the afternoon.

The most important thing we are asking parents to remember is to not send their children to school if they have any of the symptoms of the corona virus (new persistent cough, temperature or loss of taste or smell). If you or your child has any of these symptoms you will need to get a test by either phoning 119 or at www.NHS.co.uk. Once you receive your results then inform the school asap so we can take the relevant next steps.

We are asking parents to try to keep to the drop off and collection times (which I have included in this letter). This avoids large numbers of people gathering together.

We are also asking parents to socially distance when they come to school and to limit the number of adults who accompany their children to just one.

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We have always had an open door policy as a school. There will still be a member of staff on the gate every morning and teachers will still accompany their children out of school at the end of the day so hopefully there will be lots of opportunities to talk about your child should you need to. We are asking that you do not come into the school building unless there is something urgent that needs addressing.

Children will be required to wear school uniform again in September. New jumpers/cardigans will be available from the school office from Thursday 3rd September.

The Government and Department for Education now expects all children to be at school in September and it is the parent's duty to ensure children attend school.

In September it will be even more important than ever that children are in everyday to support their learning and re-establish school routines and relationships with their peers and class teachers.

Breakfast club will run as normal (8:00 am -9:00 am) but each class will have their own table. Class tables will not mix. Currently we will not be running any after school clubs. If you are in need of childcare for after school you can contact Little Pickles (previously known as Snuggles) on 01208 368008 who will be running after school care. Or contact Family Information Service on 0800 587 8191

If you are worried or concerned about September, please contact the school. Claire Johnson is our Parental Support Advisor and will be more than happy to talk further about what we will be doing.

Just a reminder the class teachers next year are-

Reception class- Hannah Thomas **Reception/Year 1-** Michelle Nichols

Year 1/Year 2- Daniel Walton **Year 2-** Alistair Tardivel **Year 3-** Steven Coles

Year 4- Lisa Gordon **Year 5-** Nicola Donnithorne and Lucinda Jerome-Snell

Year 6- Joe Atherton

We absolutely understand your concerns for next year and I promise you that we will be doing everything we can to make sure that school is a safe and happy place for our children to learn. We have missed the children. The partial reopening in the last couple of months before summer has been a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with many of our students. We look forward to seeing everyone in September.

Regards

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Our Holidays are the same as most community schools in Cornwall except our Inset Days where the staff train and learn about new things to continue improving what we do for our children. On Inset Days the school is closed to children.

 Inset Days

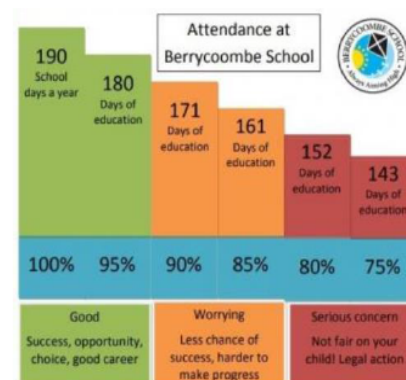
2020/21 school term dates for community and voluntary-control

September 2020							October 2020							November 2020						
Mon		7	14	21	28		Mon		5	12	19	26		Mon		2	9	16	23	30
Tue	1	8	15	22	29		Tue		6	13	20	27		Tue		3	10	17	24	
Wed	2	9	16	23	30		Wed		7	14	21	28		Wed		4	11	18	25	
Thurs	3	10	17	24			Thurs	1	8	15	22	29		Thurs		5	12	19	26	
Fri	4	11	18	25			Fri	2	9	16	23	30		Fri		6	13	20	27	
Sat	5	12	19	26			Sat	3	10	17	24	31		Sat		7	14	21	28	
Sun	6	13	20	27			Sun	4	11	18	25			Sun	1	8	15	22	29	

December 2020							January 2021							February 2021						
Mon		7	14	21	28		Mon		4	11	18	25		Mon	1	8	15	22		
Tue	1	8	15	22	29		Tue		5	12	19	26		Tue	2	9	16	23		
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Sun	6	13	20	27			Sun	3	10	17	24	31		Sun	7	14	21	28		

March 2021							April 2021							May 2021						
Mon	1	8	15	22	29		Mon		5	12	19	26		Mon		3	10	17	24	31
Tue	2	9	16	23	30		Tue		6	13	20	27		Tue		4	11	18	25	
Wed	3	10	17	24	31		Wed		7	14	21	28		Wed		5	12	19	26	
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Sun	7	14	21	28			Sun	4	11	18	25		Sun		2	9	16	23	30	

June 2021							July 2021							August 2021						
Mon		7	14	21	28		Mon		5	12	19	26		Mon		2	9	16	23	30
Tue	1	8	15	22	29		Tue		6	13	20	27		Tue		3	10	17	24	31
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School holidays

Bank holidays

Christmas Day	25 December 2020
Boxing Day	26 December 2020
Bank Holiday (in lieu of 26 Dec)	28 December 2020
New Years Day	01 January 2021
Good Friday	02 April 2021
Easter Monday	05 April 2021
May Bank Holiday	03 May 2021
Spring Bank Holiday	31 May 2021
Summer Bank Holiday	30 August 2021

AUTUMN TERM (72 days)

3 September - 18 December 2020
(HALF TERM 26-30 October 2020)

SPRING TERM (59 days)

4 January - 1st April 2021
(HALF TERM 15-19 February 2021)

SUMMER TERM (64 days)

19 April - 23 July 2021
(HALF TERM 31 May - 4 June 2021)

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Start and finish times

We have reduced Lunchtime to 45 minutes which includes a 30 minute break on the playground. This allows all classes to have a run around without having to mix with other classes.

Our staggered start and finish times allows greater time for the cleaners to clean each classroom at the end of the day.

Some classes will enter school via the main gate on the camel trail

Year Group	Entry/Exit Point	Time		Finish time
Reception	Main gate	8:45		2:30
YR/1	Main gate	8:45		2:30
Y1/2	Main gate	9:00		2:45
Y2	Main gate	9:10		2:55
Y3	Bottom gate	8:45		2:30
Y4	Main gate	9:10		2:55
Y5	Bottom gate	8:55		2:40
Y6	Bottom gate	9:05		2:50

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How is school different in September at a Glance

Stay at home if unwell	
Classes as Bubbles	
Keep to your child's arrival and departure times	
Talk to teachers at the gate	
Stay outside the school building	
Socially distance	

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