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Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I want to start by reiterating that the health, safety and wellbeing of your child(ren), staff and our wider community is of the utmost importance to us and we will have this at the forefront of our minds in everything we do and plan to do.

This has been a very unsettling time for us all but rest assured that we have taken on board the guidance that has been issued and we have worked hard to devise and carry out a full risk assessment specific to our school on all the issues that need addressing.

School continues to be open for pupils of critical key workers and vulnerable children.

Biddick Hall Junior School is re-opening on Monday 8th June for Year 6 pupils. Parents have informed school prior to this date of their intentions of sending their child to school in order that school can plan for their return.

We are awaiting further guidance from the government re the wider opening of school to pupils in Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5.

Children **MUST NOT** enter school if they are displaying symptoms of coronavirus.

Children must not wear masks or gloves in school and will be asked to remove them.

Parents/ carers must be available throughout the school day in case they are needed to pick up their children.

Clean clothes should be worn every day. School uniform will therefore not be compulsory. Children should wear comfortable clothing and suitable footwear.

What we are planning to do at Biddick Hall Junior School:

In response to guidelines, we will endeavour to put the following measures in place:

- Placing children into smaller groups (bubbles) who will be taught by the same designated teacher/s every day. This will not necessarily be their own class teacher. We aim to have no more than 7 pupils in a classroom group.
- Children will be seated as far apart as possible in classrooms. We will try and endeavour to adhere to the 2m social distancing rule wherever possible but cannot guarantee it. They will sit in the same chair and at the same desk.

- Resources will not be shared amongst 'bubbles'. Pupils will not be allowed to bring in any resources from home, apart from a water bottle. All resources needed will be provided by school in their own tray. Reading books will not be sent home. No bags are allowed.
- Pupils will remain in their bubble throughout the entire school day, including break times and lunch. Each group will have their own designated outside space.
- A packed lunch will be provided free of charge by the school kitchen, if required and will be eaten in their bubble. Pupils bringing their own packed lunch in should do so in a disposable bag or a lunch bag or Tupperware box that can be taken home and disinfected daily.
- Toilet visits will be carefully managed and monitored by staff.
- Each group will have their own set of playtime resources which will be cleaned frequently.
Pupils will not be allowed to use the fixed play equipment.
- Pupils will be reminded throughout the day to not touch their face and eyes.
- Promote good hygiene - throughout the school day, pupils will be asked to clean their hands more often than usual, particularly upon leaving and re-entering the school building throughout the day. All classrooms have access to a sink.
- Ensuring good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach. Keeping windows and classroom doors open to allow for good ventilation.
- Thorough cleaning of occupied areas and equipment.
- Limited movement around school – stick to right hand side of corridors.
- No Wake up shake up will be offered.
- No after school clubs available during the summer term.
- Parents that they are not permitted to enter the school yard at the start or end of the school day. They must arrange to meet their children if need to in a safe manner.

What will learning look like?

- There will be a continued focus on English and maths which will be based on the online programmes that children have been working on at home, as well as other foundation subjects and a form of exercise.

Please continue to communicate with school via telephone 0191 5362186 OR via email admin@biddickhallschool.co.uk

Yours sincerely,

M. Collinson