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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.

Due to new government guidance from the 4th July when social distance measures can be reduced to 1m Biddick Hall Junior School can now accommodate more pupils.

Biddick Hall Junior School opened to Year 6 pupils on 8th June 2020 for anyone requesting a place.

Biddick Hall Junior School is re-opening on Monday 6th July for the last 2 weeks of the term to pupils in year 3, 4 and 5 who have requested a place. Parents can you please email admin@biddickhallschool.co.uk if you no longer require this place by Wednesday 2.7.20. Also can you please inform school of pick up arrangements. This plan will be in place for these 2 weeks only. Further correspondence will be emailed to all parents re September in the near future and will be posted on the school website.

School breaks up for the summer holidays for all pupils on Friday 17th July 2020.

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.

The bike is closed so no bikes or scooters please.

Please could parents share the behaviour principles attached with this email with their children before they attend.

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

In response to recent 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 be their own class teacher unless their teacher is poorly. There will be no more than 15 pupils in a bubble 1m social distancing.
- Children will be seated as far apart as possible in classrooms. We will try and endeavour to adhere to a 1m 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. No bags are allowed.
- Pupils will remain in their bubble throughout the entire school day, including break times and lunch.
- 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 to arrange to meet their children if need to in a safe manner outside of school if possible – an area just inside the main gate will be allocated for drop off and pick up if needed for those leaving by the main gate or at the front of reception for those leaving by the main reception.

What will learning look like?

- There will be a continued focus on English and maths as well as other foundation subjects. Children continuing with their home learning will access the same work.

School opening and closing times FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS ONLY

Y3, 5 and 6 will enter and leave via the main school gate and then have a designated door to enter the building – THEY MUST COME AT THE DESIGNATED TIMES. GATES WILL OPEN 8.45AM AND 2.45PM

<u>YEAR GROUP</u>	<u>ARRIVAL</u>	<u>DEPARTURE</u>
Y3	8.55	2.55
Y5	8.50	3.05
Y6	8.45	3.00

Y4 will enter and leave via the main reception

<u>YEAR GROUP</u>	<u>ARRIVAL</u>	<u>DEPARTURE</u>
4	8.45	3.00

- Parents who need to collect siblings from other year groups, that can and will be accommodated just inform the school.

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

Yours sincerely,

M.Collinson

Headteacher