

Biddick Hall Junior School,
Chesterton Road,
South Shields,
Tyne and Wear.
NE34 9SP



Telephone: 0191-5362186

Fax: 0191-5191430

Email: admin@biddickhallschool.co.uk

Head Teacher: Mrs. M. Collinson B.Ed (HONS).

04/09/20

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to wish you a warm welcome back to the new school year.

The health, safety and wellbeing of your child(ren), staff and our wider community is of the upmost 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 autumn term all pupils MUST return to school. School attendance will be mandatory. This means from this point, the usual rules on school attendance will apply, including:

- **Parents' duty to secure that their child attends regularly at school where the child is a registered pupil and they are of compulsory age**
- **Schools' responsibility to record attendance and follow up absence**

Shielding will cease on 1 August, subject to a continued decline in the rates of the community transmission of COVID-19 so that means that even the small number of pupils who will remain on the shielded patient list can also return to school, as can those who have family members who are shielding.

Children **MUST NOT** enter school if they are displaying symptoms of coronavirus. They need to self-isolate for 10 days unless they have a negative test result in which case they can return to school.

Children **MUST NOT** enter school if someone in their household is showing symptoms. They need to self-isolate for 14 days or until the person with symptoms has received a negative test result.

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

Parents/ carers must be contactable throughout the school day in case they are needed to pick up their children. If parents/carers are contacted by school to pick up their child/ren they must do so within one hour.

All children will wear full school uniform on their return in September. Uniforms do not need to be cleaned any more than usual, nor do they need to be cleaned using methods which are different from normal. Initial Images is our supplier for school uniform.

All children will be required to have a PE kit which consists of a red plain t-shirt black shorts, leggings or joggers and trainers or plimsolls. Pupils will only bring their PE kit into school on their PE days and take home to wash after each session.

Children will only bring their PE kit into school on their designated days and MUST take it home at the end of the school day. They will be informed by their class teacher of their designated PE days.

Children can bring a bag with them to carry essential items such as their water bottle and reading book. They **MUST NOT** bring in any other items such as toys, pencil cases or balls etc... from home.

School meals will resume from the 9th September with a limited choice of 2 hot and 1 cold option.

School opening and closing times from September

PUPILS AND PARENTS MUST COME AT THE DESIGNATED TIMES NOT BEFORE AND NOT AFTER.
FRONT AND BACK GATES WILL OPEN 8.40AM AND 3.05PM

<u>YEAR GROUP</u>	<u>ARRIVAL</u>	<u>DEPARTURE</u>
Y6	8.45	3.15 PARENTS CAN PICK UP AT SHELTER
Y5	8.45	3.15 PARENTS PICK UP AT SHELTER
Y4	9.00	3.30 PARENTS PICK UP AT SHELTER
Y3	9.00	3.30 PARENTS PICK UP AT Y3 DESIGNATED AREA

TEACHERS WILL LEAD PUPILS OUT TO THEIR PARENTS WHO MUST THEN VACATE THE PREMISES PROMPTLY. CHILDREN WHO ARE GOING HOME ALONE WILL BE DISMISSED AT THEIR DESIGNATED TIMES AND MUST ALSO LEAVE THE SCHOOL GROUNDS IMMEDIATELY.

Please continue to communicate with school via telephone 0191 5362186 OR via email admin@biddickhallschool.co.uk . Please remember that the phone lines will be closed during the summer holidays.

Yours sincerely,

M. Collinson

Headteacher