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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your families are well and keeping safe, and that you are looking forward to the full opening of school in September.

I am sure many of you will have many questions about the measures we have in place, so I have tried to put as much information as possible into this one document for you and your family. I hope you find this guide informative.

The school has carefully considered the guidance issued by the government and put in place a range of measures to minimise the risk of Coronavirus transmission in school.

We will continue to monitor and update our plans and adapt to new government guidance. We have proactively and successfully managed the impact of the pandemic in school to date and wish for this to continue in the future.

Does my child need to come back to school?

Yes, all children are expected to return to school in September in order to minimise as far as possible, any long-term impact of the pandemic on children's education, wellbeing and wider development.

We will be welcoming back pupils from Years 1-6 only on Friday 4th September.

Each year group has a designated start time and entrance gate – **see below**.

Please be at your child's entrance on time and ensure you and your children socially distance from other families at the drop off point. If you have more than one child entering the school at different entry points, you will need to drop one child off before moving to the next entrance gate.

School attendance will be closely monitored and from September, the usual rules will apply. If your child is unwell or going to be absent from school for any reason, we ask parents to contact the school as early in the day as possible on: **02084720830 or email info@brampton.newham.sch.uk**.

Entrance timings and gates

Nursery	Start Date	Arrival Time	Leaving Time	Gate
Antigua & Barbados	Monday 14 th *	9:00am	12:00pm	Park Nursery Gate
Cuba	Monday 14 th *	12:30pm	3:30pm	



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Reception

Egypt & Morocco	Monday 7 th *	8:40am	2:55pm	Nursery Park Gate
Cameroon & Tanzania	Monday 7 th *	8:50am	3:05pm	

* Parents have been sent personalised entry information for orientation days or stay and play for nursery. If you have not received this, please contact the school on info@brampton.newham.sch.uk

Year 1	Friday 4th	8:45am	3:00pm	Park Gate
Year 2	Friday 4th	9:00am	3:15pm	
Year 3	Friday 4th	8:45am	3:00pm	Masterman Rd Main Gate
Year 4	Friday 4th	9:00am	3:15pm	
Year 5	Friday 4th	8:45am	3:00pm	Masterman Rd Breakfast Club Gate
Year 6	Friday 4th	9:00am	3:15pm	

What if my child is late to school?

If you arrive outside the 15-minute window for your child's year group, go to the gate and speak with the senior member of staff on duty. They will admit your child and ensure they get safely to their classroom.

If the gates are closed, (they will close at 9:15am) you will need to go to the main office entrance. You will not be allowed to enter the school office. A member of staff will come out to you.

Can my child ride their bike or scooter to school?

Yes, children can ride to school, **but only if they live more than 10 minutes walk from school.** If we have large numbers of children going to the bike sheds whilst other year groups are coming in, there is a small risk of transmission so please get your child to walk unless absolutely necessary.

Am I allowed into school during the day?

For safety reasons, parents will not be allowed to enter the site or the school office during the day unless a member of staff admits them or there is an emergency. If you need to speak with a member of staff, please phone or use the info email in the first instance. If you do come to the front office, you will need to wait outside the entrance doors until a member of staff comes to speak with you.



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Will my child need to wear a uniform?

Yes, all children will be expected to return to school wearing school uniform and plain black shoes.

How will the children be grouped?

As we are a very large school, each year group will form a separate 'bubble'. This is to minimise contact with other children. Bubbles will be separated during lunch and playtimes through the use of a staggered timetable.

Will my child wash and sanitise their hands at school?

Yes. We will continue to teach and promote good hand and respiratory hygiene. Children will be encouraged to sneeze or cough into an elbow or a tissue and dispose of the tissue into the class bin – 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it'.

They will then wash their hands as soon as possible after disposing of the tissue.

Will the classrooms be set up for social distancing?

Yes, from September, tables in Years 1-6 will be in rows facing the front of the classroom for pupils to sit side by side and be forward-facing. This will allow us to maximise the distance between teachers and pupils.

Children will be given a pencil cases to reduce the sharing of other resources as much as possible. Resources such as books and games can be used and shared within the year group bubble but will be cleaned regularly. Any resources, such as science equipment can be used across bubbles but will be left untouched and out of reach for a period of 72 hours before another year group can use them.

Classroom doors and windows are to be left open so that classrooms are well ventilated. This also reduces the number of 'touches' a door handle will receive during the day.

Does my child need to wear a mask to school?

The government guidance does not recommend wearing masks in primary schools. This is because children, particularly younger children are less likely to become ill with Coronavirus and their transmissions rates are deemed very low. Younger children are also more likely to fiddle with and touch their mask, which compromises the protection they provide.

If you wish your child to wear a mask in school, please speak to a senior leader on duty in the mornings.

Will my child be able to have a school lunch?

For the first half term, the kitchen will only be providing sandwiches. You will be provided with a menu from which your child can choose which sandwich filling they would like. We will be reviewing this arrangement with a view to offering hot food after half-term, subject to risk assessment.

Packed lunches from home must be brought to the classroom in the morning.

What does my child need to bring to school?

Please limit personal belongings brought into school. From September children can only bring:



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- A water bottle (essential for all children so that they do not have to share water fountains)
- A lunch box (brought to the classroom) if they are not having a school lunch
- A fruit snack for break time
- A coat in case of rain or cold
- A reading book

On PE days, children should come to school wearing their PE kits as they will not be able to access changing rooms or have unnecessary clutter in classrooms.

Will the school have enhanced cleaning measures in place?

Yes, there will be rigorous cleaning and disinfecting of classrooms, furniture and toilets will take place at the start, end and throughout the day. Cleaning includes common touch-points, such as door handles, light switches, taps and soap dispensers.

Resources used by the children during lessons will also be cleaned and will be kept within the same bubble as best we can.

Outdoor equipment will also be cleaned after use.

Will my child be taught the normal curriculum?

Yes, it is important that the children have structure and routine built into their lives and a 'normal' school day is the best way to provide this. There will be an emphasis on ensuring basic literacy and numeracy skills are in place whilst also making sure they receive a curriculum that is as broad and balanced as the current restrictions allow.

In the first few days they will be taught the new rules that are in place to keep everyone safe. There will be planned personal, social and health education (PSHE) lessons to support children's wellbeing and opportunities for them to share and talk with adults and their peers.

Will there be any after school clubs?

For at least the first half-term at least, there will be no after school clubs. If the guidance changes, we will review.

Will the school provide Breakfast Club or After School Care?

Breakfast Club and After School Care will begin from the week beginning **14th September**. Further details will be provided in the next week or so but please only sign up to use these facilities if you have to.

What happens if my child shows symptoms of Coronavirus?

If your child becomes ill and has symptoms of Coronavirus, you must not send them to school. Keep them at home and book a test as soon as possible. They must remain at home until you have received the results of the test.

- If the test is negative and they do not have Coronavirus, they can come to school
- If they do test positive – in accordance with government guidelines they must self-isolate at home for 10 days (14 days for other members of the household). The school will provide appropriate learning at home for all pupils.

What if my child shows symptoms at school or there is an outbreak?



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If a child shows symptoms of Coronavirus in school, we will contact the parents immediately to come and collect them. Please ensure you do this promptly as any delay means a potential infection remains on the school premises.

Whilst they are waiting they will stay in an allocated room with a member of staff. If it is impossible to maintain an appropriate social distance, the staff member will wear PPE for protection. Any siblings will also be sent home.

As above, children who are sent home from school with symptoms should remain there for at least 10 days and book a test – 14 days if a family member has symptoms.

If there is a positive case of Coronavirus in school, we will contact the local health protection team who will assess, support and advise the school on the action it needs to take.

The contact details of the local health protection team are:

necl.team@phe.gov.uk; phe.nenchlpt@nhs.net

PHE North East and North Central London Health Protection Team,
Ground Floor South Wing, Fleetbank House 2-6 Salisbury Square,
London,
EC4Y 8AE
020 3837 7084

I hope the information provided is helpful. If there is anything else you need to know, please contact the school and we will do our best to answer your query.

Best wishes and stay safe,

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