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Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

I hope you and your families are well. As I stated on Friday, we are very excited to be welcoming children back to school on Monday, 8th March. Obviously, we still have many measures in place to mitigate the risks and, although we want the return to school to be as least disruptive as possible, there are a number of rules and routines we have to have, to make it safe for everyone. I hope that this letter supports you and your child in being fully prepared to return on Monday. The updated risk assessment gives more detailed information about the measures in place across the school and will be on our website shortly.

Mitigating Measures in Place

Children will remain in year group bubbles throughout the day, and in class, desks in years 1-6 will be forward facing. We feel this is the most practical strategy as making bubbles class-sized, in a school of our size, would present huge logistical problems that would impact on teaching and learning.

There will be a staggered start and end to the day for each bubble and we will also stagger lunch and playtimes.

Children will be encouraged to wash/sanitise their hands on entry to school, and regularly throughout the day. They will be taught to follow the 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it!' rule which supports good respiratory hygiene. Below is a link to some simple rules we want children to follow in school.
[Microsoft Word - COVID-19 School Rules Poster 2019-2020 \(brampton.newham.sch.uk\)](https://www.brampton.newham.sch.uk)

Throughout the day, there will be enhanced cleaning of regular touch points, such as tables, door handles, toilets and we will be encouraging children not to share resources with their friends unless it is necessary and can be cleaned before, and after, use.

Arrival and Leaving times

As we will still not be able to allow most parents on site, we will be reinstating the autumn timetable which worked really well. What I would ask, is that you arrive at the time your gate opens so your child is not late into the first lesson – this is really important.

Year Group	Classes	Arrival	Leaving	Gate
Nursery	Antigua & Cuba	9:00am	12:00pm	Nursery
Nursery	Barbados	12:30pm	3:30pm	
Reception	Egypt & Morocco	8:40am	2:55pm	
Reception	Cameroon & Tanzania	8:50am	3:05pm	
Y1		8:45am	3:00pm	Park



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Y2		9:00am	3:15pm	Masterman Road
Y3		8:45am	3:00pm	
Y4		9:00am	3:15pm	Masterman Road Breakfast Club
Y5		8:45am	3:00pm	
Y6		9:00am	3:15pm	

Travelling to and from School

When travelling to and from school, and when waiting outside, please keep at least 2 metres apart (socially distanced) from other families and wear a face covering at all times. This is important to protect yourself and others from coronavirus.

It is also advisable that in families where there are only one or two children, only one parent does the school run, to reduce the chances of congestion around the gates. Families who have more than two children might need an extra adult.

After School Care and Breakfast Club

We will be running after school care and breakfast club at their normal times. If you want your child to attend, please log in to Schoolmoney to book them a place. We will be keeping children in their year group bubbles during these sessions.

Clubs

We will not be running any other clubs at the end of the school day for this term. We are hoping to start up clubs later in the year when restrictions are lifted.

Lunchtimes

We have worked closely with Juniper, our school meals providers, and will continue to provide a mixture of hot and cold foods during the ongoing pandemic. We would love to provide hot meals for all children, but unfortunately, with the safety measures we are putting in place, this will have to be something we work towards.

We will be providing a cooked meal daily for children in Reception. For children in Year 1 - Year 6 they will have a cooked meal every day one week, and on the following week, they will have packed lunch. Here is the lunch timetable up to the Easter break.

Week beginning	School lunch		Packed lunch
March 8th	Reception	Year 1/3/5	Year 2/4/6
March 15 th	Reception	Year 2/3/4	Year 1/3/5
March 22 nd	Reception	Year 1/3/5	Year 2/4/6
March 29th	Reception	Year 2/3/4	Year 1/3/5



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If your child brings in their own packed lunch, they must bring it to their classroom.

What Your Child Should Bring to School

Children will need to wear their school uniform when they return to school. They must bring a warm coat and a hat every day, particularly on cold days, as we will have windows and doors open and it could feel chilly. The only items they need to physically carry to school are a water bottle and a packed lunch, if they are not having lunch provided by school.

On the days they do PE, children should come to school dressed in their PE kits. Please do not send in PE bags with spare clothes, as we are trying to keep the school clutter-free to reduce the number of surface areas on which viruses could cling to.

Laptops

If your child was loaned a laptop by the school, please **do not** bring that into school yet. We will be collecting them in at some point, and we will inform you when that will be.

Avoiding Contact with Anyone with Symptoms

No one with symptoms should attend school for any reason. Children, parents, carers and any visitors to the school will not be allowed to enter if they are displaying any symptoms of coronavirus. Staff and children should not attend school if they have symptoms or are self-isolating due to symptoms in their household. There is a clear procedure for staff to follow if a child becomes unwell with symptoms at school, including sending the child home and isolating whilst waiting for collection. Isolation rules are on the risk assessment.

If you are required to collect your child because they are displaying symptoms of coronavirus at school, you must come immediately. It is not acceptable to the rest of the school community to say you are unable to do so, as quick collection and testing could reduce the risk of spreading.

School Office

As for the autumn term, visits to the school office should only be if urgently needed and preferably after calling first to see if your query can be dealt with by phone. If you do need to come to the office, please wait outside the double doors until invited to enter and observe social distancing if there are other people waiting.

Attendance

The government has instructed schools and parents that children must attend school from Monday 8th March 2021. We are aware that some parents and children will be nervous about returning and ask you to discuss this with us. Any concerns can be sent directly to me.



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RSHE Consultations

Thank you to all of the parents who joined the consultation meetings and helped make the process so robust. It is so important that you have your say, ask questions and keep us accountable around what can be a very emotive topic. Hopefully, you found Mrs Hardie and Miss Henson's presentation informative and reassuring, and you feel confident about your rights as parents, and how and what the school will be teaching. Please do not forget to complete the survey so we can gather everyone's views and set in place our policy in readiness for the summer.

Finally

We hope that as we move from spring to summer, the national restrictions begin to ease. We want the children to return and enjoy their learning, have the opportunity to play and interact together and do many things that would be normal in school such as summer productions, sports days, trips.

We will begin to plan these but with the caveat that they may need to be altered or cancelled because of national restrictions or capacity to do them safely. We would like to thank you all again for your support and for enabling online learning to work so well and generally smoothly. We do not underestimate the sacrifices and juggling that you have had to do and appreciate this.

If you have any further queries about Monday, please contact us using the info@brampton.newham.sch.uk address.

Yours faithfully,

Kevin Reid
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