



# Byfleet Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carers,

I hope you have managed to have a restful break with your loved ones over this festive period and kept safe. Following on from the Government's message yesterday regarding school opening and the continuing struggle with containing Covid, I would like to keep you updated on what to expect for returning to school for the Spring term.

Despite being Tier 4, Byfleet Primary, along with all other Surrey Primary schools will remain open from Tuesday 5th January. We will continue to monitor the list of schools that the Government feel should move to remote learning and will keep you informed if there are any changes to our school opening next week.

I appreciate that this is a disconcerting time for all of us, including our staff at Byfleet Primary, however wanted to reassure you that we will do all we can to maintain our strong risk assessment and put in additional control measures to ensure we can keep our school open for our children and staff.

## **The following adjustments will be effective from Tuesday 5th January:**

- All adults to wear masks within the vicinity of the school - please wear your exempt lanyard if face masks/shields aren't being worn. We have had some challenging remarks made by some parents who are refusing to comply with us - please help us keep our children safe by wearing a mask.
- Please keep a safe distance from each other and drop and leave asap please. Please only arrive at your drop off/collection time - we have staggered these deliberately to ensure there is no overlap in families arriving/leaving.
- Only one parent/adult to drop/collect children from school - where possible, reduce younger siblings being brought along.
- **Year 3 and 4 drop off:** Please may parents no longer enter the school site. Pupils to please be dropped off from 8.30-8.40 at the double gate where they can walk to their collection point (usual area). Please drop at the gate and leave asap.
- **Year 3 and 4 collection:** Children will be brought out to the main gate for collection and will be released onto the pavements when their adult is seen. If you do choose to stand on the green, we will release your child to one of the pavement areas to avoid them crossing the busy road. Please collect and leave asap.
- **Reception, Year 1 and 2:** We will continue to allow one adult per child to come onto site to drop/collect children from the usual point in the playground. Please drop and leave asap following our one-way system. This arrangement will be reviewed so we will update you next week if this arrangement changes.

For the first week back from Tuesday 5th January, staff have planned a fun and stress-free 'Art Week' with a 'Natural World' theme for the children to enjoy and get back into the swing of things. Please continue to support your child with their homework (*reading, spelling, multiplications and homework matrix grid projects*) and we hope to have all of our children return to school, to settle back well and work hard as usual. We look forward to many wonderful and exciting things this term, which we know the children will benefit immensely from, such as: new outdoor gym, new outdoor climbing wall, ELSA (emotional literacy support) sessions starting up with Miss Lloyd and 4 new members of staff joining us (Mrs Pardi and Mrs Bray in Reception Hedgehogs, Mr Thornton as Year 3/4 booster teacher and Mrs Bilson in Year 4 Macaws).

As the year draws to an end, I would like to let you know some amazing news - Miss Kirby gave birth to a beautiful baby girl on 29th December. Evie Bella Rose and Miss Kirby are doing well. What a lovely way to end the year!

As the weather has turned significantly colder, please remember to dress your child in additional layers as we keep all classrooms well ventilated throughout the day. A plain black fleece can also be worn as part of school uniform and all children are to please bring a coat to wear outdoors. All children are expected in school from Tuesday 5th January and we look forward to welcoming everyone back. If you have any questions or suggestions, as always, please do not hesitate to contact [info@byfleet.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@byfleet.surrey.sch.uk).

Enjoy your safe new year celebrations at home and may 2021 be prosperous and fulfilling. Thank you for your continued support - keep well, keep safe!

Kind regards,

Mrs Meyrick  
Headteacher