

Dear Bolney School families,

The staff and governors are very excited to welcome all the children to school on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, it will be so wonderful to see everyone. We hope the school holidays have been as enjoyable as possible.

I am sure you agree with me that keeping school open for all must be our priority and I value your support and co-operation with this. While there are some restrictions to the 'normal' school arrangements we are working hard to make it as welcoming as possible. **It is essential that everyone follows the measures we have put in place to minimise the risk of coronavirus infection being transmitted and to keep children at school.**

I have outlined below the key information you need for the initial return to school, further information is also attached, including an update to the letter sent at the end of the summer term. There is additional documentation in the [Coronavirus Information](#) section on our website.

### **Staying Well - extremely important rule – symptoms of coronavirus**

Only send your child to school if they are well. If they are unwell, please seek advice from a health professional. If you are unsure please phone us.

It is essential that no child comes to school if they, or anyone in their household, have any symptoms of coronavirus, have tested positive to coronavirus, or have been asked to isolate by the test and trace service or following return from a country that requires self-isolation. The main symptoms are:

- **high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least one of these symptoms.

### **For your child to attend school you need to complete this questionnaire by September 2nd -**

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LDFG92K> - this is the 'Return To School Agreement', stating that you will follow the above rule, the agreement is also attached to this email.

### **Preparing your child for their return to school**

Please share this video with your child to help prepare them for their return to school.

<https://youtu.be/mbZASL9HgC8>

It is quite likely that your child/ren are feeling some level of anxiety or worry ahead of returning to school next week and we want to support them as much as we can. Feelings of worry are to be expected because, despite our transition sessions, there is a lot that is 'unknown' about what school will be like on their return. Our advice is to talk with your child about how they are feeling. Do not shy away from having the conversations, even if you think it will invoke the feeling of worry, because chances are the thoughts and feelings will be there – in some form – these can often be worse at bedtime.

To help these conversations please talk about the video and use the attached 'Return to School' questionnaire put together by West Sussex Educational Psychology Service for all young people ahead of starting back.

If you and your child find the questionnaire useful and think that the results and discussion points from your conversations are something that school can support you with, then please send the completed survey – by email, hand or post - to your child's class teacher as soon as possible. This will enable teachers and support staff to consider the responses and plan for your child. If you are unable to print the survey the responses can be recorded on paper.

YR and Y1: Mrs Cheney – [scheney@bolneyprimary.school](mailto:scheney@bolneyprimary.school)

Y2: Mrs James – [cjames@bolneyprimary.school](mailto:cjames@bolneyprimary.school)

Y3 and Y4: Mrs Burton – [rburton@bolneyprimary.school](mailto:rburton@bolneyprimary.school)

Y5 and Y6: Mr Pitt – [mpitt@bolneyprimary.school](mailto:mpitt@bolneyprimary.school)

You can also look at the school website with your child to remind them of what school is like and that they belong to our community.

### **Increased handwashing, respiratory hygiene and cleaning**

Please share the importance of good handwashing and good hygiene when using tissues with your child. Please practice good handwashing and hygiene techniques with your child prior to starting school. These are some NHS / Government resources to help:

[Handwashing video](#)

[Catch it – bin it – kill it poster](#)

### **PE kit**

Please note there will be PE for KS2 on Thursday 3rd September so please can KS2 children come to school in their PE kit on the first day, Y1 and Y2 will need to wear their PE kit to school on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact us - [office@bolneyprimary.school](mailto:office@bolneyprimary.school)

We are excited about Thursday and will, as always, look after your child as best as we can.

Kind regards, Lorraine Kenny