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Tuesday 31st August

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you have all had a wonderful summer break and would like to offer you, in advance of your return, a warm welcome back to Bloxwich Academy. Within this letter, I will give all the information you need to support your child's return to school for this coming academic year.

Over the past year, Bloxwich Academy has had to react quickly and robustly to the challenges presented by COVID-19 to ensure we remained safe, operational and compliant with national regulations. Following new guidance issued by the Government, from **Friday 3rd September** the below protocols will be in place:

Bubble Systems

There is no longer a requirement to maintain class/year group 'bubbles' therefore children will mix with other year groups at points throughout the day/week. Assemblies can resume, although these will be slowly reintroduced to children throughout the Autumn Term. Lunchtimes will revert to normal, and children across all year groups will share the KS2 and KS1 lunch halls and playgrounds at break and lunchtimes. Within the classroom, children can now be seated in groups or rows, and after school clubs will continue to take place but will be extended across phases/key stages.

Dropping off/picking up:

Please find below drop off and collection points for parents and we do ask, where at all possible, for one parent/carer to collect your child/children. If your child will be walking to school alone, they need to ensure they arrive for their specified start time as below, and will be released at the pick-up time noted.

Year group/Class Name	Teachers	Start time	Pick up time	Drop off/collection point
Year 1 Arthur's Seat Midsummer	Mrs Coleman Miss Falvey/Miss Brisband	8.45a.m	3.15p.m	Year 1 Classroom doors
Year 2 Clent Walton	Miss Azad/Mrs Gandhi Mrs Watkins	8.30a.m	3.15p.m	Library door Year 2 Classroom door
Year 3 Jubilee Pinnacle	Mr Swift Miss Fowler Mrs Baxter/Miss Colley	8.45a.m	3.15p.m	KS2 Playground
Year 4 Wrekin Malvern	Mr Watters Mr Baugh/ Mrs Martin	8.45a.m	3.15p.m	KS2 Playground
Year 5 Cader Idris Scafell Pike	Mr Dick Miss Jones/Mrs Boswell	8.45a.m	3.15p.m	KS2 Playground
Year 6 Ben Nevis Snowdon	Mr McFarland Miss Hughes/Mrs Thistlethwaite	8.30a.m	3.15p.m	KS2 Playground Side gate





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Early Years:

Details of the induction plans for children who are joining Nursery or Reception in September and are new to the Academy can be found here:

<https://bloxwichacademy.co.uk/ey-induction/>

Children who attended Bloxwich Academy Nursery last year and are moving up to Reception will return to school on Monday 13th September.

Year group/ Class Name	Teacher	Start time	Pick up time	Drop off/collection point
Nursery Roseberry	Miss LLOYD	8.40a.m	11.40a.m	Nursery classroom door
Reception Golden Cap Barr Beacon	Miss Harper Miss Thomas	8.45a.m	3.00pm (Autumn 1)	Reception classroom doors

Staff contacts for parents:

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact school office who will assist wherever possible, or direct your enquiry to the correct member of staff. You can call 01922 710226 or email primarypostbox@bloxwichacademy.co.uk.

As Headteacher, I understand and recognise that the very essence of a school is the relationship between itself and the community it serves. It is vital that we invite parents and carers into school again for key events as soon as possible. We hope to commence this in September with some information evenings, where the curriculum can be shared and classrooms visited, re-establishing face-to-face parent and teacher interactions. This will again enable everyone to feel more closely connected with the school and to enjoy all that Bloxwich Academy Primary has to offer. The scheduled dates for these meetings will be sent out in a letter in the forthcoming weeks. All events will be planned and organised with a safety first approach and in line with our COVID safe procedures.

PE Days:

In order for us to maximise the time available for all children to take part in physical education children will continue to wear their PE kit into school on their designated PE days. PE kit is as follows: plain black jogging bottoms/shorts, plain white t shirt, plain black jumper/zip up if required and trainers. Logos and slogans must be avoided. Below is a reminder of PE days:

Year 1	Wednesday
Year 2	Monday
Year 3	Tuesday
Year 4	Monday
Year 5	Wednesday (& Swimming Autumn 1)
Year 6	Thursday (& Swimming Autumn 1)

Attendance/Absence and Holidays in Term Time:

From September, school attendance is compulsory and our policy on attendance, reporting children's absences and holidays in term time must be adhered to. If your child is too ill to attend, parents must contact the school office by 9am to let us know the reason for their absence; unexplained absences are recorded as "unauthorised". It is your responsibility to contact school before 9am on any future days of illness, so our registers are kept up to date. Our policy reflects the government's stance on holidays in term time. Fixed Penalty Notices (fines) for a leave of absence in term time will be issued this academic year by the local authority, if it fulfils the local authority's criteria.





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School Meals/Lunches:

This academic year, the cost of a school meal is currently £2 to be paid via Wisepay, unless your child is eligible for and registered under the Free School Meals system. Menus will be updated and uploaded to the school website shortly.

Medical Reminders:

All inhalers, epi-pens and any other prescribed medication that your child requires to take during the school day **MUST** be in school on the first day of term. A reminder was sent at the end of last academic year requesting parents collect a new medication form from the school office for you to complete where applicable. Medication cannot be given in school in September until new forms have been completed, signed and returned to school via the school office. Please ensure that all medication is prescribed and is in date. As you are aware, if your child is on a long term health care plan, this will need to be reviewed with you in September 2021; you will be contacted in due course to arrange an appointment.

If there is anything you wish to discuss that is medical/medication related, please call the school office and Mrs Oliver or Mrs Shelton will be able to assist.

What should my child bring into school?

- Children should only bring into school a filled water bottle (not squash), their healthy snack and a lunchbox if they are having packed lunch. Please ensure that these items are all clearly named.
- Please do NOT send your child with pencil cases and stationery: school will provide all equipment they need.
- Children will be provided with either a book bag or folder that they can use to carry their reading books and any homework to and from school. Therefore, children will not need to bring a backpack into school with them each day.
- Children should not bring any money to school, as all lunches and activities will be paid for via Wisepay.

Health and Hygiene

Health and hygiene will continue to be a priority.

- Children will wash their hands frequently – as they arrive at school, after breaks, before and after lunch and at other regular intervals
- The classroom will be thoroughly cleaned at the end of every day.

Curriculum: Pupil wellbeing and support

Upon your child's return to school, we will continue to have an emphasis on:

- supporting the rebuilding of friendships and social engagement
- supporting pupils with approaches to improving their physical and mental wellbeing. All staff have had the opportunity to handover valuable information to new teachers regarding your child. This information will be used so that we can get off to a swift start in September.

Curriculum: The wider curriculum.

We will continue to deliver a broad and balanced curriculum, whilst putting into place bespoke interventions to support pupils. All subjects can now resume fully including PE, and music including singing.

Contingency plans for outbreaks.

We continue to have remote education plans in place and will do all we can to eliminate the risks. An updated risk assessment can be found on the website following the most current Government guidance.





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I thank you for taking the time to read and digest the information in this letter and trust that you will support us with our planned return. Our decisions have been made in an attempt to keep the whole school community as safe as possible, whilst moving towards normality.

I am thoroughly looking forward to welcoming all of our children, existing and new, into Bloxwich Academy Primary for the start of our new school year. As a staff, we look ahead with enthusiasm to continue to build our positive partnerships between home and school, to ensure that children make the most of their learning opportunities and become the best they can be.

Enjoy the rest of the summer break and we all look forward to seeing you all at the gates on **Friday 3rd September** to make some new memories.

Kind regards

Ms. S. Shepherd
Head teacher