



BAYSIDE
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Thursday 25th June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been thrilled to welcome more pupils back to Bayside this week whilst maintaining the protective measures that we have in place for the children. Some pupils were a little nervous about coming back in but soon slotted into their new bubble and classroom learning and are now completely settled back into school life.

Having been closed to certain year groups for 3 months, I am acutely aware that there are many pupils who have not been able to access school directly, despite being supported with home learning, both on paper and virtually. I understand that some pupils cannot come in currently due to family members shielding, but want to offer all children a place at school for at least one week before the end of the term. This is not only about their learning, but more importantly to re-establish the routine of coming into the school and the sense of belonging within our community.

Moreover, I would like to use this as an opportunity to allow the children to transition to their new classes and to spend time with their new class teacher. Spending a week with their new teacher will allow for relationships to be established, for the children to get used to their new classrooms and for the teachers to consider how to best meet the children's needs when they return in September.

In order for us to allow this to happen, changes will need to be made regarding who is able to access school. I have detailed these changes that will be taken **from 6th July**, as well as information about classes and teachers, on the following pages. **Next week will run exactly the same way as this week.** I am aware that this is yet another change to the existing arrangements and really appreciate your flexibility in supporting us to allow more children to get back to school.

The most significant change is that we will not be open to Year 6 pupils from the week of the 6th July. This means that the last day for these pupils is Friday 3rd July. I understand that this may be problematic for some families, but there is no other way to accept pupils from other year groups practically, following current social measures, if we do not take this action. This is also in the context of having offered Year 6 five weeks of provision since half term. We will maintain places for pupils who have parents who meet the BCP critical worker or 'Vulnerable' status. Additionally, in September we will arrange for a farewell celebration for the current Year 6 children so that they do not miss out on this end of year event.

Please be assured that all social distancing and cleaning procedures will be maintained and that our 'bubbles' will continue to isolate should anyone display symptoms of Covid-19. We will also continue to have to close earlier on a Friday to all pupils. Again, details of this are provided in the information that follows.

Do get in touch if you have any questions or queries.

Best wishes as always,

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Staffing For Next Year

As I am sure that you are aware, Mrs Easthope is leaving us at the end of this term. We are all incredibly grateful to Mrs Easthope for her complete dedication to the school community and for the huge impact that she has had at Bayside. We also say goodbye to Mr Ballard who has taken up an opportunity outside of teaching and to Miss Vaczi who is embarking on a new adventure in Italy. I am sure that you will join me in wishing them all the very best for the future.

I am now pleased to announce that Mrs Wilson will join Mr Chaffey as a Vice Principal of Bayside from September. I am certain that she will support the teaching and learning effectively at our school to build on the progress made by Mrs Easthope. We have also been able to appoint a new teacher to our teaching team, Mrs West, who we warmly welcome to the school.

Year Group Arrangements **From Monday 6th July**

We will communicate which colour group your child is in by text message next week for all pupils in Years Reception to Year Four, unless that we know your child is not returning until this September. If you do not hear from us by Wednesday 1st July, and you would like your child to access school under these new arrangements, please get in contact through the school email or phone.

Due to changes within specific bubbles, should any pupil in a year group display symptoms of Covid-19 then the whole year will need to self-isolate until a negative test result is obtained. Please do not bring your child to school if they are showing any signs of this illness, for example have a high temperature or a persistent cough.

Current Reception

Due to current numbers in the Reception classes, RAD and RSW will be merged to form one Year One class. In order to ensure the smoothest transition for these pupils, their teacher next year will be Miss Weeks, who will move into Year One with the children. The children will also be supported by 2 experienced teaching assistants.

Pupils in Reception have a place for both weeks at the end of this term. They will spend one week with Miss Weeks and the other week with Miss Davies / Miss Langrish.

Movement of classes	RAD becomes 1SW with Miss Weeks RSW becomes 1SW with Miss Weeks	
Colour groups for week of 6 th July	Miss Weeks	Miss Davies / Miss Langrish
Colour groups for week of 13 th July	Miss Davies / Miss Langrish	Miss Weeks
Entry to school	Walk through playground to Year One classrooms. Queue and children enter through gate. Exit to Turlin Road.	

Current Year One

Pupils in Year One will have a place for both weeks at the end of this term. We have shuffled the classes this year, taking account of a range of factors including friendships and personalities. Mrs Argent will take her new class for both weeks. Mrs West will teach the other Year Two class from September but will share the teaching for these two weeks with Mrs Bolton due to her current commitments.

Movement of classes	Pupils mixed into new classes One class becomes 2LW with Mrs West and one becomes 2MA with Mrs Argent	
Colour groups for week of 6 th / 13 th July	Mrs Argent	Mrs West / Mrs Bolton
Entry to school	Walk through playground, up the slope on the left to Year 2 gate. Queue and children enter through gate. Walk down side of school and exit to Turlin Road.	

Current Year Two

Pupils in Year Two have been mixed prior to starting their new classes, taking account of a range of factors, including friendships and personalities. The teachers taking these classes in Year Three will be Mrs Colbert and Mrs Taylor.

The children will spend one week with their new teacher with the other week spent at home completing learning tasks that will be sent.

Movement of classes	Pupils mixed into new classes One class becomes 3HC with Mrs Colbert and one class becomes 3NT with Mrs Taylor	
Colour groups for week of 6 th July	A. In school with Mrs Taylor	A. In school with Mrs Colbert
	B. At home	B. At home
Colour groups for week of 13 th July	A. At home	A. At home
	B. In school with Mrs Taylor	B. In school with Mrs Colbert
Entry to school	Walk into school, turn left and drop your child to the entrance to rear entrance to the school. The children will then walk upstairs to their new classrooms. Adults should continue to follow the path around the back of the school and exit onto Turlin Road.	

Current Year Three

Pupils in Year Three will spend one week with their new teacher with the other week spent at home completing learning tasks sent.

Movement of classes	3JW becomes 4KH with Mrs Hayes	
Colour groups for week of 6 th July	A. In school with Mrs Hayes	B. At home
Colour groups for week of 13 th July	A. At home	B. In school with Mrs Hayes
Entry to school	Walk into school, turn left and drop your child to the entrance to rear entrance to the school. The children will then walk upstairs to their new classrooms. Adults should continue to follow the path around the back of the school and exit onto Turlin Road.	

Current Year Four

Pupils in Year Four will remain in their current classes. The children will spend one week with their new teacher with the other week spent at home completing learning tasks sent.

Movement of classes	4MD becomes 5JW with Mrs Wilson 4LV becomes 5TE with Mr Easthope	
Colour groups for week of 6 th July	A. In school with Mrs Wilson	A. In school with Mr Easthope
	B. At home	B. At home
Colour groups for week of 13 th July	A. At home	A. At home
	B. In school with Mrs Wilson	B. In school with Mr Easthope
Entry to school	Walk into school, turn left and drop your child to the entrance to the entrance to 'Woodlands'. Adults should continue to follow the path around the back of the school and exit onto Turlin Road.	

Current Year Five

Pupils in Year Five will remain in their current classes next year.

Movement of classes	5TE will become 6BC with Mr Chaffey 5HC will become 6RM with Miss Mckenzie
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The children will stay in the same colour groups as they are now in, until the end of term. Mr Chaffey, Miss Mckenzie and Mrs Radford will share the teaching of the children, enabling all pupils the chance to be taught by their new teachers.

Entry to school	Children to enter through front doors to the school. Adults walk through playground to exit.
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Critical worker / 'Vulnerable' attendance

Pupils in Years 2, 3, 4 and 6 who have been accessing places at school due to having parents who are critical workers or who meet the government 'Vulnerable' status will maintain this access. The children will be placed into either a blue group or a yellow group. Both groups will enter the school through the hall doors.

Timings

Bubbles enter and exit the school at different times:

	Arrive	Depart Monday – Thursday	Depart Friday
Yellow	8:30	2:45	12:15
Blue	8:45	3:00	12:30
Orange	9:00	3:15	12:45
Purple	9:15	3:30	1:00

Lunches

Children in Reception and Year One can continue to order hot meals in the usual way from Chartwells. Other pupils attending need to bring a packed lunch to school. Families of children in Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 who are eligible for means tested Free School Meals will continue to receive government vouchers.

Uniform

Children are expected to wear uniform but do not require a tie currently. There is no need to bring a PE kit to school unless we contact you, but children should come with a water bottle, have sun cream applied and wear a hat when the weather is fine.

Walking to school

Pupils can walk to school on their own, but must observe social distancing. If not, we will ask you to accompany them or have to deny entry as we need to ensure the maximum safety procedures. Children in Reception to Year 4 still need to be collected at the end of the day.

Home learning

We will continue to support families with home learning tasks until the end of the term, Friday 17th July, for all children who are unable to attend school or who do not have a place for a specific week.

Opening over the summer

The school will be closed for the summer holidays. The first day of the new term will be Monday 7th September, with essential staff training being held on the previous Thursday and Friday. School staff have kept the school open since February with all members supporting both children at home and those attending school, even in the face of increased personal risk during an incredibly challenging time. This has included us opening on scheduled bank holidays, the Easter holiday and half term.

Additionally, we have extended our opening to the furthest extent possible. This has meant teaching and support staff covering duties outside of their normal job roles and many teachers leading learning for two groups of children, one in school and one at home. There has also been an incredible amount of work in setting up the school to allow for social distancing and maintaining safe practices throughout the school day.

Every member of the staff team at Bayside has pulled together and worked flat out to support the children in whatever way that we can, often putting the needs of the school in front of their own families. It is only fair to provide an extended break, now normality is slowly returning, for everyone who has worked so hard and enable them to relax and recuperate in order to be fully prepared for the new school year.

If you have any questions about any of the content within this letter, please do get in touch via email or phone using the normal details.