



# Heathfield PRIMARY SCHOOL



Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021.

Dear Parent and Carers,

I hope that you have had a restful break and managed to enjoy the festive period as much as possible despite the circumstances.

Over the past few days, you will have seen lots of news/media coverage regarding the revised tier system and school closures. I appreciate that this information can be confusing so please read on for the most up to date information about our school.

We are in a tier 4 area but not in one of the boroughs where school closures have been enforced. As a result - based on the current government guidance - school will open to ALL pupils on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January as previously planned. Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January remains an INSET day for staff training (the office will be closed) and pupils should not attend on this day.

Since our full reopening in September, working together has been vital in minimising the risk to all members of our school community. It is extremely important that we continue to focus on key control measures and that everyone plays their role in this. Below are some key reminders:

- **Staggered collection times remain in place** (Collection times: EYFS-Y2 2:55-3:05, Y3-6 3:05-3:15) Please do not come to school earlier than these times so if you have children in both age ranges, aim to enter the site at 3:05. **We cannot have parents waiting on the school site as the risk has now increased.**
- **We ask that only one family member drops off/collects please**- this supports us in reducing congestion and prevents unnecessary gathering.
- **Face-to-face contact with teachers/teaching assistants is not possible during this time** – SLT will remain on gate duties for any urgent queries but all other communication should be done via the school email address please.
- **The school office also remains closed to parents unless you have an appointment** - Please email [enquiry@heathfld.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@heathfld.bham.sch.uk) or call on 0121 464 6474
- **If your child has any symptoms, please do not send them to school.**

The government have made it clear that they expect all pupils to attend school at this time. Within school, we will continue to follow our robust risk assessment and the 'bubble' approach. We will continue to play close attention to the four strategies that have been shown to reduce the risk of infection:

#### **HANDS** –

Children will be asked to wash and sanitise their hands frequently throughout the school day. This includes on arrival to school. We also ask that they show good hygiene habits when coughing or sneezing (catch it – bin it – kill it). We ask parents and carers to support this by also promoting these good habits at home.

#### **FACE** -

Adults are asked to wear face masks when collecting or dropping off pupils (exceptions are made for those who are medically exempt). Staff will also wear face masks in communal areas and when not directly teaching children. Government guidance is clear that pupils should not wear face coverings in school.

#### **SPACE** –

We will continue to operate in our 'bubbles' which reduces the amount of contact between adults and children in school. Our Breakfast Club and restricted Friday afternoon club offer will continue for working parents. We would also like to remind parents of the importance of social distancing when dropping off and collecting children.

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Please be considerate to others, follow the allocated timings and keep your children close by at all times. There should be no gathering or waiting on the school site.

**VENTILATION** –

Classrooms will remain well ventilated with windows and doors kept open at all times throughout the day. We will also continue to get children outside for breaks, lunchtime and PE lessons wherever possible. With recent falls in temperature, please ensure your child is appropriately dressed for school with warm undergarments/layers, a winter coat, gloves and a hat.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Atherton  
Head of School