

COVID-19 School Reopening Summary

From 5th January 2022



This is our school. There are many like us, but we are unique, and our context has shaped the decisions taken and the provisions made. There can be no single model for reopening and therefore, what we provide is likely to vary from that provided by other schools, both local and national.

Beaminster School recognises the importance of education and that the best place for students to learn is in the classroom with their regular class teacher. We are delighted to be in a position where we can plan towards having all our students in school from January.

Prevention

- **Face coverings** to be worn by students in lessons, whilst moving around the school in corridors and communal areas.
- **Hand sanitiser** will be used on entry and exit to all teaching rooms each period.
- Sensible **ventilation** to allow for the movement of air will be provided in all areas of the school.
- We will be reinforcing good **respiratory hygiene** – *'catch it, bin it, kill it'*.
- We will be reinforcing good hand washing routines – *'20 seconds with soap and water'* and more often than usual.

Transport

- Face coverings will be worn by anyone travelling to school by bus and strongly recommended for anyone lift sharing.
- Where at all possible we would encourage students to attend school by foot, on a bike or by car. School transport will run as normal.

Arriving and Leaving

- Students to arrive from 8:30am. They will remain outdoors unless the weather is too inclement.
- Leaving the school site will continue to be through multiple exit routes to maximise social-distancing.

Around the School

- Face coverings will be worn by students whilst in corridors.
- Students are asked to move around the site maintaining awareness of social distancing and one-way systems, taking routes which are less crowded where possible.
- Students will travel around the building, staying to the left and moving in single file.

Grouping

- There is no longer a recommendation to maintain students in **consistent groups** ('bubbles'), enabling curriculum flexibility to be cautiously extended where required.

Curriculum

- We will continue to provide the full curriculum to all our students; delivery approaches may need amending in some cases.
- Students will continue to study PE as part of our broad and balanced curriculum.

Uniform

- Full school uniform should be worn as normal.
- Students should be prepared for inclement weather bringing, warm and waterproof clothing.

Attendance

- It is the parents'/carers' duty to ensure that their child attends school regularly.
- Parents must notify the school of any absence and the reasons for the absence.

Behaviour

- We have the highest expectations of behaviour and ask parents and carers to support the school fully in ensuring that students behave accordingly, working with us to help any student who finds the readjustment difficult. Should any student put the safety and wellbeing of others at risk due to their behaviour, parents/carers will be expected to attend school immediately and support the school in correcting the poor decisions made by that student.

Food

- We recommend that students bring a reusable personal water bottle and only fill water bottles at drinking stations.
- The school canteen is open (Free School Meal provision will continue) with different year groups staggered each day.

Break and Lunch

- Dry break and lunch – students will be out of the building getting fresh air.
- Wet break and lunch – students will report to their wet weather areas / tutor room where they will be supervised.

School Events

- Alternative provision will be offered either through virtual means, postponement and/or rearrangement. On occasion it may be necessary to cancel some events on the school calendar, which may also occur at short notice.