

Blowers Green Primary School



Blowers Green Road, Dudley, West Midlands, DY2 8UZ

Headteacher: Mrs S Sehmbi

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Year 5 ONLY **Returning to School**

We would like to share with you, the arrangements for your child to return to school:

- Year 5 pupils return on a part-time basis from Monday 8th June 2020. School will open on **Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays** and **Fridays**, 8.50 a.m.-2.50 p.m. **PLEASE NOTE** each Wednesday, school will be closed to enable deep cleaning to take place.
- **Uniforms DO NOT** need to be worn by children on their return to school. School would recommend uniform to be substituted with comfortable leisure wear/trainers and lightweight jackets as children will be participating in physical/sporting activities throughout the day. Clean clothes must be worn every day.

Please note, parents/carers will **not** be fined for non-attendance at this time. We will continue to share home learning via the Home Learning Platform <https://www.dudleyacademistrust.org.uk/hiddenarea/blowers-green-primary-school-at-home> for those children whose parents wish to keep children at home for longer.

Our aim is to keep children, staff and parents as safe as we possibly can while on our site. Outlined below, are the safety measures that will be put in place and adhered to at all times to ensure all children accessing the school remain safe:

Start and end of school day

Parents/Carers and children must:

- Only use designated areas of school allocated to parents/carers and use the agreed entrance and exits (these will be signposted clearly).
- Adhere to social distancing of 2m when waiting to drop off or collect children.
- Contact the school office via telephone or email only as our school office will remain closed to parents during this time. There will be no access to the school office following drop-off.
- Children's temperatures will be taken each morning before entering the school site. We ask that parents/carers accompany onto the school site and remain until this check has taken place.
- Leave the school premises immediately once children are either dropped off or collected.
- Only one parent can drop off and collect a child.



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- Arrive punctually at the time allocated for their year group and collect them promptly.

Within the school day:

Staff and children must wash their hands regularly throughout the day with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, particularly:

- After coming into school
- After sneezing and coughing
- Before and after handling or eating food
- After going to the toilet

Children must adhere to social distancing measures of staying 2m apart throughout all areas of school including:

- The playground, corridors, and toilets
- The classroom (children must only use the equipment allocated to them; this equipment will be cleaned before the next session).

Lunch/ Snacks:

Children will need to bring a packed lunch, mid-morning snack and at least 1 water bottle (labelled). Those pupils eligible for Free School Meals will continue to receive vouchers to enable parents/carers to provide a packed lunch each day.

If your child presents with symptoms:

- If your child presents with symptoms you will be contacted immediately. Children will wait in a designated area in isolation, until they can be collected. You and the rest of your family must then self-isolate for the next 14 days before returning to school.
- If any member of the household presents with symptoms, your child must NOT come to school and needs to self-isolate for 14 days at home. School needs to be notified on the first day of self-isolation.



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- If a child or member of staff tests positive for Covid-19, school will follow guidelines from the government around closure of a group/year group or school according to contact that the child or member of staff has had with others.

We will do the following to help keep your child/children safe:

- Children will be taught in small groups. This may not be with their class teacher, or be in their own classroom, due to splitting classes in order to reduce group sizes.
- Break times and lunchtimes will be staggered.
- Children and staff will use hand sanitiser/wash their hands frequently. The sanitiser gel in school will be 70% alcohol (this is compliant with government guidance noting it should be a minimum of 60%). Children should **NOT** bring their own sanitiser to school.
- Classrooms and equipment will be thoroughly cleaned throughout the day.
- All soft furnishings and unnecessary equipment have been removed from our classrooms to make the environment easy to clean and sanitise.
- Reading books/homework will not be sent home due to the possibility of cross contamination.
- We will support and guide children who are feeling anxious at this time.

Please be reassured that we will continue to follow all advice and guidance we are provided with in order to keep your child as safe as we can.

Thank you for your co-operation and patience at this time and stay safe.

Yours sincerely

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