



Upper Beeding Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you are all keeping safe and well and enjoying the fantastic weather we have been having.

If this weather continues, any children coming into school should have sun cream applied before school. They will also need to bring a filled named water bottle and sun hat each day. We are currently unable to help children apply sun cream but they may bring in their own and keep in their bags if needed. Due to the number of times we are washing hands, children who need hand cream are welcome to keep some in their bag to use as required.

Building Works

Our Old Building is nearly ready for the return of some children. Last bits are being completed today and we are very pleased with the new looking Old Building we now have!

SPORTS Virtual Competition

It is great to see some children, families and teachers taking part and logging their scores. This week it is **NETBALL & BASKETBALL**. Please click on the link and have a look at: <https://www.activesussex.org/virtual/> This link gives you the activities to have a go at and where you can log your score. You can do this as many times as you want!

Home Learning



New work and ideas are on the VLE class pages for you to do with your children from **today** for all the children who are still learning at home. We are all looking forward to hearing about your home learning and activities you have been doing.

Please follow us on <https://twitter.com/beedingprimary> and keep sending their work electronically, by taking a picture and sending via email, or via the VLE as we are showcasing work on our Twitter feed and this is the safest method for all.

For those parents who have been sending in children's work on paper, please note that we are now only able to accept this at the School Office in a sealed paper envelope, which staff will open after 72 hours. Thank you for your support with this.

Class organisation for September

Due to the current situation, we are organising classes September based on what we know about the children: their friendships, learning styles, abilities and information from parents' evening. If you have any concerns you would like us to consider regarding friendships, please let us know by **Monday 8th June**. We do try to take everything into consideration, but we are not always able to accommodate requests. We look at this information annually so please email us, even if you have done so previously. The final class lists are always considered very carefully to meet the needs of every child and they cannot be changed once they are published.

Childcare

If at any point over these next two weeks your family circumstances change and you fall into one of the Key Worker categories where it is essential you have childcare, please communicate this information by emailing the School Office with the completed form that was sent out to all parents on **Tuesday 26th May**. If you are unable to send us an email, please telephone us on **01903 812288** to let us know when you can collect a form. Please leave a message if necessary.

It is really helpful for us to have this information as soon as possible so we can ensure we have enough staff in school to meet the needs of the children we have in our care and ensure we follow Covid-19 guidelines.



Year 6 and Year 1 returning to school this week

We are really looking forward to seeing the children who are returning to school this week.



Key things to remember:

wb 1.6.20	Childcare All week	Year 6 Wed, Thurs, Fri	Year 1 Thurs, Fri
Start	8:40 - 8:55	9:00 - 9:15	9:15 - 9:30
Finish	15:10	15:00	14:45
<u>PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ARE KEEPING TO START/FINISH TIMES</u> <u>FOLLOW SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDANCE</u> <u>SCHOOL CAR PARK IS OUT OF USE</u>			

- **Year 6 Iceland and Morocco** will use the side gate beside Kenya Class and walk to the Blue Building
- **Year 6 USA and Italy** will use our new side gate by the old Building off Church Lane and walk into the Old Building.
- **We are encouraging Year 6 children to walk to and from school by themselves to reduce the number of people around the school premises.**
- **Year 1 (all classes)** will use the side gate beside Kenya Class and walk to their class bases.
- **Teachers will be waiting for the children at the outside door of their class room.**
- **At the end of the day – Year 1 teachers will bring the children to the gate they were dropped off at in the morning and release them to waiting parents.**
- **Year 6 children** will leave by the gates they entered.

What must my child bring to school?

Each child will need to bring their own resources to avoid cross-contamination (please contact us if any item is an issue and we of course will help).

- Their own pencil case/sandwich bag containing a sharpened pencil, pencil sharpener, pen (KS2), colouring pencils, ruler and glue stick
- Named water bottle
- Named sun hat, sun cream and hand cream (if needed)
- Lunchbox – if having packed lunch
- Healthy fruit snack for break time as school will not be able to provide this

How will I communicate with school / get a message to a teacher?

- The School Office will be manned, but we respectfully ask that you limit phone calls to emergency information and enquiries only. Please use the School Office email address for contact and communication as we will not be able to have the normal drop-off/pick-up 'chats'.
- We are all very sad not to be able to have any conversations with parents at the beginning or end of the day but look forward to receiving any messages either on the VLE or via email to the School Office.

In order to ensure the safety of the rest of the school community, it is vital that any parents choosing to send their child to school respect all Government guidance and are not mixing with others outside of their household beyond the current regulations. If school has evidence that this is not the case, we reserve the right to not provide places for those children

If I don't send my child to school in the first weeks, can I change my mind?

We understand that some parents are concerned about sending children back to school. As time goes on, this may change. If you change your mind, then you can send your child back on the Monday of the following week provided you have let us know in writing. When children do return, we expect them to attend all the days that school is open for them as we try to get some routine and normality back.

We continue to value your messages of support which are really appreciated by all of us and hope you are all safe and well.

Best wishes and stay safe.

Becky Linford
Headteacher

