



COOMBE BISSETT C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Together we can...
"Soar on wings like eagles,
Run and not grow weary,
Walk and not be faint." Isaiah 40:31*



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Date: 25/9/20

Dear Parents,

Today we have sent you the Blended and Remote Learning Plan. This details our actions in case your child needs to learn at home due to self-isolation. This contains details about Google Classroom and Microsoft Teams that we would like you to install on a device at home. Invitations for Google Classroom will be sent out by the end of next week.

In order to keep our environment as Covid-safe as is reasonable/practicable, we are adding some additional measures as follows:

- From Monday 28th we will be forming an 'outside only double bubble' for Oak and Elm. This will mean they will have their outside playtime and lunchtime at the same time (with a divided playground / field to keep the bubbles apart). Staff will look after their own bubble so as to avoid crossing bubbles. This does enable the children to say hello to each other whilst keeping them socially distanced – enabling that outside social interaction they have been missing so much. I am grateful for staff for trying to manage not having any breaks during the day at all during this initial return period due to the staffing numbers available within the restrictions of Covid, but this is simply not sustainable for staff wellbeing. If you have any concerns about this 'outside only double bubble' in Oak and Elm, please do not hesitate to speak with me on the playground where I am most mornings and after school.
- From Monday 5th October the pink home-school communication book will not be used. This will be replaced by Tapestry (Oak class only) and Google Classroom (Elm, Fir, Ash). An invite will be sent out to all parents towards the end of the w/b 28th September.
- From Monday 5th October homework for KS2 will not change as children mark their own books under guided instruction from the teachers. But Homework for Y1 and Y2 will change as follows (in order to allow for 72hr decontamination to protect the teacher):
 - the Maths homework will be issued on a Friday to return Monday,
 - the English homework issued Monday to return Thursday. This gives 72hr decontamination for staff marking the books.
- From Monday 28th October reading scheme books issued do not need to come into school each day but on the specified return date to allow for 72hr decontamination. Children reading a book at home should keep that book at home, and they can read an in school book from the selection in class, keeping this in their tray.
- From Monday 28th October Reading Records will be for home use only so they do not need to come into school. They will be collected 2x per term so staff can review them and identify Olympiad scores (there will be a period of several days when we have these to ensure 72hr decontamination and marking time). Staff 1:1 reading with pupils will be recorded in a staff Reading Record.

We have noticed that a small number of children in KS2 are not bringing in healthy snacks (cheese, yoghurt, fruit, veg – not tracker style bars, no cereal bars). These children have a long period before their lunchtime so a healthy snack does help them maintain their concentration. We have noticed that some



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KS1 children do not like the healthy snack provided by the government. Unfortunately, we have no control over what the healthy snack is each day, so if your child does not like pears / raisins / bananas / apples you might like to provide a 'back-up' healthy snack in a separate pot.

Please can all children come to school with a named drinks bottle and a named coat now that the weather is changing. If everything is named (snack pack, drinks bottle, packed lunch pack, clothes, coat, hat & gloves) it does make it easier to return. Unnamed items will go into lost property which will be put out every day for parents to check.

Inevitably, some children are getting tired the further we move into term. As so many children had so much time with their parents during lockdown this tiredness is easily expressed as 'I miss my mummy / daddy'. If your child feels this way, you might consider some of the lovely ideas being shared nationally on forums, some are listed here:

- Sew-in a heart into their jumper / cardigan / coat – this is mummy / daddy giving them a hug
- Put a 'note' in their packed lunch saying how amazing they are
- Put a 'stamper' heart (stampers can easily be bought online, a pen could be used, a transfer tattoo could be used) on their inside wrist – this is mummy / daddy giving them a hug
- Provide a small picture of them and mummy / daddy / pet / family in their coat or bag they could look at if they need it

Unfortunately, cuddly toys should not come in to school due to the fabric nature concern about Covid, and the disturbance this may cause. If your child does need this and none of the other suggestions are feasible, then it must stay in their bag for the occasional use if needed. Also, please avoid jewellery (such as bracelets) as these should not be worn in school, must be removed for PE, and can be easily lost (causing more distress). However, a watch is perfectly fine – even though it must be removed for PE – and of course you could put a 'stamper' on that.

For those few parents using the staff carpark, please can they remember to keep to 5mph, look out for children and to wait while children are crossing the carpark to the taxi. These parents are welcome to arrive before 3.15pm.

Teachers have informed me that some children are being dropped off or collected within the early or late club without being on the list. Please can these parents organise payment of the early / late fees as this is not fair on those parents who have paid.

Please can parents remember to stick to their allocated drop-off / collection times and entrances under the staggered timeslots. This keeps everyone safe, gets children into school on time safely, and ensures the staff do not have to stay longer than expected at the end of the day. The school gates are locked at 9am so late arrivals will need to go to the school office via the staff carpark.

Arrival times are as follows:

- If you have multiple children 8.50am-9.00am
- Oak and Ash 8.50am-9.00am
- Elm & Fir 8.40am-8.50am

Collection times are as follows – please aim to collect at the first time rather than the last time listed:

- If you have multiple children 3.15pm and gone by 3.25pm
- Oak 3.15pm and gone by 3.25pm
- Elm and Fir 3.25pm and gone by 3.35pm
- Ash 3.35pm and gone by 3.45pm

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