



Beeston Primary School

Town Street, Leeds, LS11 8PN



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Well done Beeston Primary School!

5th March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are very excited to be able to welcome everyone back to school on Monday 8th March. We want to say a big thank you and well done to you all; we have been so impressed by the way our whole school community has risen to the challenges of lockdown and remote learning. Thank you for your support and positive feedback, your comments have really helped us to improve our remote learning offer and continue to educate our pupils at home.

Live Sessions

For those of you who completed the consent form, we hope that your child enjoyed the opportunity to enjoy a small group 'live' session this week. Teachers have enjoyed saying, 'Hello!' in person and those children who took part had big smiles on their faces. We will evaluate the process and listen to feedback from all those who took part.

Mental Health and Well-being

All of our children will have had very different experiences over the past few weeks and our main priority when all pupils return to school will be to give them the time and space to reconnect and rebuild relationships. If there is anything which you would like to share with school prior to re-opening or you would like any support from our Pastoral Team then please email IR@beestonprimary.org

Curriculum

Teachers have been following our curriculum long term plans as best as they can throughout lock down and we know families have done their best to support learning at home. However, we know that we will need to make some changes to our normal school curriculum in order to get everyone back on track. From Monday, we aim to modify the curriculum, so teaching time can be prioritised to address any gaps in pupils' knowledge which may be an outcome of lockdown. Our priorities are: **pupil wellbeing, phonics and reading, increasing vocabulary, writing and maths**. We want all pupils to be given the catch-up support needed to make substantial progress by the end of the academic year. Our curriculum will still remain broad and balanced and we will ensure that pupils have had some teaching of all of the National Curriculum subjects at some point this year. There are plenty of the more practical lessons to be caught up on too. In order to see further information about the topics your child will be learning about this half term, please see year group curriculum newsletters on the school website.

After Easter, some of you will be contacted to arrange for your child to attend extra small group lessons after school. Teachers will be completing assessments over the coming weeks. If you are not contacted, please don't worry as our targeted after school support will be flexible and groups will change over the year. The catch-up funding from the DFE will be spent in a way which ensures that all of our children benefit in some way.

What happens if there is a class bubble closure?

We will continue to follow our rigorous and robust risk assessment in school in order to keep our school community safe. In the event of a class bubble closure, remote learning will resume via Tapestry or Teams just as it has during lock down. On day 1, the teacher may direct you to some generic learning

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websites and learning tasks as they take the time to record some lessons and switch to remote teaching. Afterwards, you can expect work to be uploaded to Tapestry or Teams by 6.00pm the night before and the class chat function will be activated for support and feedback during the day.

What happens if my child has to isolate?

If your child is self-isolating but there has not been a bubble closure you will be provided with a template giving a range of links to recorded lessons and other supporting websites. The lessons and topics will be carefully considered by your child's class teacher and updated on a half termly basis. This template of activities will be assigned to any child on Teams or Tapestry but is also available on the school website. Your child's class teacher will be in touch via phone call to make sure you are OK and answer any questions you may have.

Please be mindful that the class teacher will be teaching in school during the day so may not be able to respond to queries or give feedback immediately. These templates for Spring 2 have already been uploaded ready for you and your child to use should you need to.

Contacting school

Once school re-opens fully, we politely ask you to return to contacting class teachers via the main school office. You can phone and leave a message or email on mainoffice@beestonprimary.org. The chat function on Teams will be switched off and teachers will not be expected to respond to any messages on the year group email unless there is a pupil who is isolating at home.

We look forward to opening our school doors to everyone on **Monday 8th March**; attendance at school will once more be statutory. If your child is unwell then please report the absence through the main school office. As always, please send proof of any positive COVID-19 test results to the following email address positivecovid@beestonprimary.org, as soon as you receive them, even if this is at a weekend, so that we can take appropriate action. This email address is for **COVID -19 positive cases only**. If you want to contact school about any other issues, or inform us of a negative test, then please use our main office email address.

Don't forget to refer to the staggered start and finish times sent out earlier this week.

Have a restful weekend and please look after each other and stay safe.

Best wishes,

The Senior Leadership Team

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