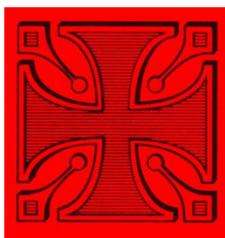


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ST BERTELINE'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

PARENT INFORMATION SHEET

Wider opening of schools

Over the coming weeks we will be inviting more pupils to join us in school. During this time, it is important that we are all aware of the responsibilities we must take on board to keep everybody safe. We have jotted down some of the facts and rules of which we all need to be aware.

PODS

- From now on, your child will be taught in a pod - a group of no more than 15 children of a similar age. Some schools are calling them 'bubbles'. This is to reduce cross contamination.
- Each pod will have a specific gate of entry to school allocated.
- Each pod will have a specific finish time.
- Each pod will continue to follow the handwashing regime we already have in place.
- Each pod will have a leader (teacher or TA).
- Each pod will eat lunch in their base classroom and will have their own MDA.
- Each pod will play on a specific zone on the school playground.

CHILDREN

- Children are encouraged to walk to school, (cycles and scooters will not be allowed on the school premises).
- Only one parent may accompany a child to school.
- Parents are not allowed on the school premises except in very exceptional cases.
- Children will need to wear clean school uniform every day.
- Children are being encouraged to wear trainers for school (there will be a lot of outdoor learning).
- Children are encouraged to remain socially distant from each other (however, this cannot be guaranteed).
- Children are not allowed to bring in objects from home eg toys, pencil cases etc.
- Book bags will not be needed.
- Pump bags and PE kits will not be needed.

- Children may bring their own hand sanitisers, sunscreen and sun hat/cap.
- Children may bring their own named drinking bottle.
- Children bringing a packed lunch must use a plastic box and it must be thoroughly cleaned every day.
- Free school meals will be available for all reception and KS1 children as well as those eligible under benefit criteria. (Cold packed lunch only.)
- Children may order a school packed lunch.
- If your child becomes unwell whilst being in school, you will be notified immediately and required to come and collect them.
- If your child shows any signs of being unwell at home, then please follow the normal absence procedures and notify school.
- Any children showing signs of COVID-19 must be tested and the results shared with school in order to discuss the course of action.

Please help us to manage what is going to be a very different and challenging period in school. You can really help us by:

- Arriving on time for drop off and pick up
- Contacting school by phone rather than talking to the 'pod teacher' at the gate.
- Socially distancing from other parents and children in the queue entering school.
- Reading the information provided and following the new school rules and regulations.

Thank you so much for your understanding and support. Together we can re-kindle the joy of school life for your child and build happy memories of their childhood which will last a lifetime.