



Welcome Back to Whimble Primary School

A useful information guide for pupils in Beech Class

Class Teacher: Mrs Boyd and Miss Clarke



Welcome back to school.

Firstly, can I say how we are all looking forward to seeing you all again - I am sure many of you will have grown, but have no doubt by now, have managed to get a hair cut!



As you are all aware, since March there have been lots of changes made all around you to help keep you safe and healthy. We need to do the same at school. Although many things in school are the same, there are some changes here too. Many of you will have noticed this when you came in during the summer term.

This booklet will hopefully help you to know what has changed and what you need to do to help keep us all safe.

If after reading this you have any questions, send me a message on the Eschools learning platform or get you parents to email the office.

There are Year 4 and Year 5 children in Beech Class. We encourage Year 5 to walk into school on your own (or from an agreed place in the village with your parents). If you have a younger brother or sister, you can help by walking them in too. You must arrive at school any time between **8.45am and 9am. You cannot come in any earlier.**

There is now a **one-way system** to enter the school grounds at the start and end of the day. This is to help keep you safe.

Entry to the school is from the top gate in the village hall car park. You will notice markers on the ground — these are to keep you two metres apart (like many you have seen out and about in the summer). Please follow the queue into school keeping spaced apart. On getting to the front of the line in the playground you will be directed to use either the automatic hand sanitiser by the double doors or the one outside Beech cloakroom or wash your hands in the sink in the disable toilet. Mrs Shilston or another member of staff will be there to greet you and remind you what to do.

Put your bag on your peg in the cloakroom (right next to Beech class) and go straight into class to sit in your designated space. Please remember to try and keep your distance from your friends where possible.

What do I do if I can't use the sanitiser?

You must wash you hands as soon as you can, use the sink in the disabled toilets.

How will I know where to sit in class?

Mrs Boyd will be there to tell you where to go.

The room hasn't changed much other than the tables are spaced apart all facing the same way.

You will be sat beside someone as before, sharing the table and a set of equipment, like a glue, scissors and pencils.

Lessons will be in class with Mrs Boyd or Miss Clarke and you may have Mrs Vanstone, Mrs Wall or Mrs Cornish there to support you. What lessons you do will be similar to before but it will be as a whole class most of the time.

The class register will be taken at 9am along with the dinner register.

Key points to remember:

- ♦ You must not bring in unnecessary items from home.
- ♦ You still need to wear school uniform.
- ♦ Remember to bring all the things you need for the day. If you forget anything, your parents will be unable to drop it off.
- ♦ You can still have a school dinner but it will be eaten in class.
- ♦ Where possible we expect you to come to school on your own but where this is not possible only one adult must bring you to school .
- ♦ To come into school using the one-way system which is coming in through the gate from the hall car park.

For your information:

- Each class will not have the same break times as only one class will be able to use each space.
- P.E. will be outside where possible and the MUGA can be used.

Lunch times and break times:

Breaks will be held in one of the top playgrounds with your class initially. Your class will have a set box of equipment to use in one area for a week. All outside breaks will be in the same playground. You may be able to use the climbing equipment but this will only be once every three weeks.

⇒ Morning break at 10.15am until 10.30am.

Lunch will be eaten in your class. If you have ordered a school dinner, this will be brought into you in an individual container with cutlery. There will be a lidded bucket in class to put your empty containers into for collection.

⇒ Eating lunch at 12 until 12.30pm

⇒ Lunch break 12.30pm until 1pm

Afternoon break (yes, you now get an official one!) will be in the same playground as your other breaks.



⇒ Afternoon break at 2.15pm until 2.30pm

We would like you to leave the school on your own via the main blue gates. This will help to avoid it getting too busy. You may be asked to wait a little while if there are lots of other children or parents around the gates. Try to arrange a place to meet your parents away from the school if you are unable to walk home on your own.

⇒ Home time - 3.30pm (just after)

Moving in and out from class

Where possible you must keep your distance from others, particularly inside. When asked to line up, make sure you stand apart from each other. Chat side by side rather than face to face if you can.

How are we making sure school is safe?

We will operate a clearly signposted entry system and stagger break, lunch and collection times.



Everyone will wash their hands regularly. We have a handwashing protocol with regular hand washing and hand sanitising throughout the day. We have two automated sanitiser stations along with other portable ones around the school site.



Staff will be in two bubbles and movement between classes will be minimised.



School will be cleaned regularly and there will be cleaning products, soap and hand sanitiser freely available to all students and staff throughout the day



Toilets - children in Beech will use the disabled toilet beside Beech class where possible. As before, we have the same number of toilets in school so it is important to try to allow enough time to go in case you need to wait.

The toilets opposite Willow Class can be used but these will also be used by children in other classes. The door to the area will be propped open so you will be able to decide whether you should enter or wait for others to come out from that area. Girls should queue towards the first aid area and boys should queue in the cloakroom. This will help to keep the corridors clear.

Mrs Boyd will explain this in more detail on your first day back.