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Dear Families,

We are delighted to be able to welcome back all of the children on 8th March. We will outline below some procedures to ensure that we are keeping the children and adults as safe as possible during this return for everyone. Some of these procedures are new and or different so please take the time to read all of this information.

Gate Arrangements

The children will keep to the gates and times that we used during terms 1 and 2. This is a reminder of what these arrangements are:-

Times Arrival/collection	Year Group	Gate
8.40 – 2.50	Year R	Car park gate
8.40 – 2.50	Year 1	Corner gate (on roundabout)
8.40 – 2.50	Year 3	Pirate ship gate – Rumfields Road
8.50 – 3.00	Year 2	Corner gate (on roundabout)
8.50 – 3.00	Year 4	Pirate ship gate – Rumfields Road
9.00 – 3.10	Year 5 Hastings & Bodiam	Pirate ship gate – Rumfields Road
	Year 5 Pevensey	Corner gate (on roundabout)
8.55 – 3.10	Year 6	Drop-off - Corner gate (on roundabout) Pick-up - Pysons Road gate (no parents can enter)

Return of ICT Resources

During this most recent lockdown we were able to loan out iPads and chargers to a large number of families. There will be members of staff on the gates during the first week back to collect these from you. The member of staff will make a note of the returned equipment to ensure that we receive all technical equipment back in school for all children to enjoy.

Breakfast Club

We have been running year-group Breakfast Club since September and will continue to do so this term. If your child needs a place in Breakfast Club please book in advance using **School Money**. **Please be aware that the Breakfast Club facility is run in year group bubbles and therefore if there is a positive case of Covid 19, your child *may be* asked to self-isolate for 10 days in line with Government Guidance.**



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After School Club

During this lockdown we were able to offer paid After School Club for a limited number of children. We are planning on continuing this provision and this facility can be booked through **School Money**. This facility will be prioritised for working families only, and you may be asked to provide evidence for needing to use this facility. **Your child may be in a mixed year group “After-School-Club” bubble and this means that if there is a positive case of Covid 19, your child may be asked to self-isolate for 10 days in line with Government Guidance.**

PE Days and Sports Clubs

As we did in September, children will come to school on their PE days in their PE kit. Key Stage 2 will need football boots for their lesson and all children will need a tracksuit on top of their indoor PE kit. Children may also wear a beanie hat for PE lessons and for some sports they can also wear gloves. It is a really good idea for them to have the extra clothing as this helps them to keep them warm and enjoy their lessons without worrying about being cold.

In addition to PE lessons we are also offering a year group sports club for years 2-6. **Please be aware that if there is a positive case identified from within the sports club that your child has attended it may mean that your child will be asked to self-isolate for 10 days in line with Government Guidance.** The Sports Club will always take place outside to lessen the risk of transmission but there will likely be crossing over of bubbles during this club. If it rains we will cancel the club as we are unable to have more than one bubble together inside, in line with our risk assessment (with the exception of Breakfast Club and After School Club). The clubs will take place on the same day as the children have PE (apart from year 2), so they will already be wearing their PE Kit.

For the additional Sports Clubs the children will need to be in PE kits with a tracksuit and years 3-6 will also need football boots. The club will run until 4pm and will be a multi-sports club. This means that there will be a number of sports on offer and the children will be offered a range of sports in which they can participate. You will need to book a place for the sports club on **School Money**. There will be no charge for this club. Please pick up your child at 4pm from the pirate ship gate. The days will be as follows:-

Monday	Year 2 (please come to school in PE kit if taking part in year 2 sports club)
Tuesday	Year 3
Wednesday	Year 4
Thursday	Year 5
Friday	Year 6

School Lunches

A hot school lunch will be available every day. The menu is available on the school website. Lunch time arrangements will be the same as they were during terms 1 and 2. Children will eat their lunch in their classroom, with hot meals being transported to classrooms in insulated food transport boxes. This is in line with the school's risk assessment and safe systems of work. School lunches can be paid for online through **School Money**. Please contact the school office if you experience any difficulties in doing this. Please note that we are unable to accept cash payments.

Lateral Flow Testing

All staff at Bromstone have the opportunity to self-test for Covid-19 twice weekly. This is undertaken using lateral flow devices (LFD). There are no plans for primary school children to take part in this testing process. A recent government announcement said that from Monday 1st March households with primary school children can test themselves twice every week at home as schools return from Monday 8th March. The school is unable to provide these test kits to parents. However, they can be obtained from local test sites or by ordering a home test kit online. For further information use the link below:

https://www.gov.uk/government/news/covid-19-home-testing-kits-now-easier-to-order?fbclid=IwAR0KI7_CZfdgcGZQ9NzPS-a80ZIRcFA7rRZK6qhQumbMYerJcPbIT1QG5g4



Safety Measures

As previously mentioned in the last week's letter from our Executive Headteacher Mr Williams, our staff will now be wearing masks at the gates. We are also asking that everyone displays the same levels of social distancing at the gates please, including the following measures:-

- Wear a mask whilst queuing up and collecting and dropping off your child/children
- Only one person per family to pick up children
- 2 metre social distancing at the gates and whilst queuing
- Do not queue up with other people or jump in the queue where you see people that you know
- Please do not have long conversations with staff members at the gate
- Be prompt to leave after drop-offs and pick-ups

With regards to keeping the children as safe as possible in school we will be following all of the systems in our risk assessment that were in place during terms 1 and 2. These include regular hand-washing or hand sanitising, no mixing of bubbles inside the school building, one set of toilets per class and designated areas to play outside. Children will not be expected to wear masks, in line with Government Guidance. If you would like to see a copy of our most up-to-date Risk Assessment please find it located on our website:

<https://www.bromstoneschool.com/key-information/>

As always if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us at hello@bromstone.kent.sch.uk

Yours sincerely,

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