



Inspiring Minds, Expanding Horizons

Updates, information and reminders for March

Preparing to return

As part of planning for the return in this term, we have revisited and updated our risk assessments. By doing this, we have adopted measures to address the risks identified in our assessment, while still allowing us to deliver a broad and balanced curriculum for all our pupils.

The preventative measures that are in place are:

- 1) To minimise contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, **do not** attend school. If a child develops a suspected case while at school, they will remain in the isolation room until collected by a relative.
- 2) All children will be constantly reminded to clean hands thoroughly, more often than usual. This is supported by posters in every classroom and around the school. Each classroom has a 'hand sanitising station' with additional sanitiser, wipes and paper towels.
- 3) All classrooms have 2 bins, 1 lidded bin to ensure good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.
- 4) A programme of regular enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces often, using standard products such as detergents. All key areas in school have surface sanitising wipes so that regular wiping of door handles etc. can take place.
- 5) In order to minimise contact between individuals and maintain social distancing wherever possible, we will stick to corridor bubbles. Each bubble has extended start and staggered end times to the day, with staggered break and lunchtimes too.
- 6) Where needed and appropriate, personal protective equipment (PPE) is readily available in each corridor.

In response to any infection:

- 7) We will engage with the NHS Test and Trace process
- 8) We will manage confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) amongst the school community
- 9) We will contain any outbreak by following local health protection team advice

School starting and finishing times.

To minimise the number of people passing through the school gates at any one time we have set up an extended start and a staggered finish to the school day. We are asking that all children in Years 4, 5 & 6 leave their adult at the school gate and walk into school independently at the start of the day. Our 'soft start' to the day will continue, where children will enter their classrooms as soon as they arrive, there will be no lining up on the playground. This will also apply at the end of the day, where all children in Years 5 & 6 will meet their adult at the gate at the end of the day. **Year 4 children will now be met by their adult at the door to Year 4 at the end of the day.** This is to prevent a large crowd at the school gates waiting for children.

Children in Early Years, Y1, 2 & 3 need to be accompanied by a family member, but please only **ONE** person per family. This is to minimise the number of people on the school site. The soft start will also apply to these year groups. At the end of the day, children are to be collected from their classroom, **ONE** person per family please.

Please see table of start and end times on the next page.

Please note, the school gates will not open until 8:30am. Please do not arrive at school before then. These measures are in place to try to keep the entrance into school as safe and practical as possible.

School Uniform

All children are expected to return in full school uniform. Reminders of this are at the end of the Flyer. Rather than the children bringing in their PE kit and changing at school, we are asking children to wear their kit to school on the day that they have PE. PE days remain the similar to last term. Please could children bring essential items only to school. This could include their school bag / book bag, lunchbox and water bottle. No toys or additional items (pencil cases etc) to come into school. All the children have a pencil case with a set of resources that they need.

PE Days: Monday – Year 3; Tuesday - Year 4; Wednesday - Year 1 & Year 2 & Early Years - RUBY Class; Thursday - Year 6 & Friday - Year 5

Year Group	START TIME Between	Entrance	END TIME	Exit
YEAR 6	8:30am – 8:50am	Door from ramp leading into purple corridor	3:05pm	Door from purple corridor onto ramp leading onto playground. Meet adult at gate
YEAR 5	8:30am – 8:50am	Door from ramp leading into purple corridor	3:05pm	Door from purple corridor onto ramp leading onto playground. Meet adult at gate
YEAR 4	8:30am – 8:50am	Green corridor – Y4 corridor door	3:00pm	Y4 corridor door Meet adult at gate
YEAR 3	8:30am – 8:50am	Via side gate at office – Y3 classroom door	2:50pm	Y3 classroom door – adult meet at side gate at office
YEAR 2	8:30am – 8:50am	Blue corridor – Y2 corridor door	2:50pm	Y2 corridor door - Adult meet at playground
YEAR 1	8:30am – 8:50am	Blue Corridor – Y1 corridor door	2:50pm	Y1 corridor door - Adult meet at playground
EARLY YEARS	8:30am – 8:50am	EYFS Ramp entrance into red corridor	2:45pm	EYFS ramp - adult meet in playground

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club will start again on Monday March 8th at 7:45am based in the dining room. We do need to keep the numbers of children attending to essential needs only. Therefore, for the next 3 weeks, breakfast club will only be open to the children whose parents need early morning child care due to work commitments. Please contact the office to reserve a place for your child by Friday March 5th.

Remote Learning Parent Survey (Seesaw & Tapestry)

Thank you to all the parents who completed our recent survey about the remote learning that was offered during the last 8 weeks. We were very pleased with the feedback. 74% of parents completing the survey felt that the work their child had been given was about right with 88% of parents reporting that the support their child was receiving from their teacher was good or excellent. A huge 97% of parents felt that the school had provided them with enough information to support their child with their learning. 41% of parents felt that their child was learning about the same with 50% of parents feeling that their child was learning slightly less. We are aware that some children will have been anxious and feeling stressed at times during this period, and this showed with a 25% result. Please speak to either your class teacher or Mrs Manders if you feel this continues when your child returns to school.

Website and emails

Our new website is now LIVE! We have a new website address www.becclesacademy.org – please do take a look. It is just about complete with a few tweaks to be added by the end of this term. A huge thank you to Mrs Laura Pigney for all her hard work to make this possible.

The school systems have also migrated from Google over to Microsoft 365. As such we all have new email addresses. To contact the school office please use: office@becclesacademy.org

The Shop

The shop is temporarily situated at the top end of school, in between the Year 3 and Year 4 classrooms. It has a vast stock of brand new and second-hand children's clothes and school uniform along with a range of hygiene products and food items. The shop will be open every Wednesday and Friday, all items are free! Please could we ask that you bring one bag only and fill this per visit. This will ensure that we have enough for everyone!

Red Nose Day – Nose Sale

We will be supporting this national fundraiser this again year. Red Noses will be on sale in school from Monday March 15th and will cost £1:50 each.

Mrs Currie

Mrs Currie is retiring from her post as School Crossing Patrol on March 31st. She has been in this post for 22 years and has decided, quite rightly, that the time has come to pass her stick over to somebody else. We would all like to think that she will now rest and relax a bit more but those of you who know Mrs Currie like I do, know that this just will not happen! She is staying at school as part of the premises team so will still be part of The Beccles Primary Academy Community – I am pleased to report! We would like to recognise her commitment and dedication to the school and our children over the last 22 years so plans are in place.....more details to follow (when Mrs Currie isn't reading the Flyer!)

Summer Term Plans

As we are also working towards the Government's Road Map of recovery, we are unable to plan much for the summer term... yet! However, we are hoping that we will be able to have an actual Sports Day, Parent and Pupil meetings with class teachers and an opportunity for each year group to have an end of term activity...fingers crossed. We will, of course, be looking to do something special for our Year 6 children. As soon as we can, we will let you know the arrangements for any events – I just can't wait 😊

We are looking forward to seeing everyone back on Monday, have a great week end!

TERM DATES 2020-2021

Spring Term 2021

5th January – 26th March

Spring Half Term

15th February – 19th February

Summer Term 2021

13th April – 16th July

Summer Half Term

31st May – 4th June

PD Days

4th January

12th April

19th July

20th July

School Uniform 2020 – 2021

Beccles Primary uniform can be ordered directly from

www.screensschoolwear.co.uk

Red sweatshirt or cardigan

White polo shirt / white shirt

School Tie – Year 6 only (provided by school)

Black skirt or trousers

(No jersey or lycra)

Plain black shoes or trainers

PE Kit

House colour T shirt

Black shorts

Black Jogging bottoms (KS2)

