

# De Beauvoir Primary School

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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope that you and your loved ones have been safe and well since we last saw you. It is hard to believe that this week is half term and that many of the children have been away from school for such a long time. We really miss them!

As you will have heard, the Government have told schools to encourage parents / carers of children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 to send their children back to school after half term. I am writing to provide information about what school will be like so that you can make an informed decision about whether you would like your child to return if they are in one of these year groups. Please read the attachment so that you are clear of the arrangements and can prepare your child if they will be returning to school on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

If you do not have a child in one of these year groups, we will be notifying you when we have more information about the Government's intention for your child to return.

While we are confident that we are doing all we can to follow Government guidance and minimise risk, I have to be honest and tell you that I am unable to guarantee your child will be 100% safe from COVID-19 at school. A wide range of evidence suggests that the risk to children is significantly lower than that to adults, yet there is much that remains unknown about Coronavirus transmission. It will be impossible for us to keep children 2 metres from each other at all times due to the sizes of our classrooms and the way that children interact and behave but I can assure you that we will be following Government guidance and using social distancing as much as is possible. You may have heard that the Government have made multiple changes to their guidance to schools in the past two weeks. We have followed these changes and will follow new guidance as soon as it is released, notifying you if it is relevant to you as parent / carer.

It might be that you would like your child to trial a return to school. We are happy to facilitate this. **We can only accept pupils if we have been notified by Friday of the week before attending and would ask that you commit to at least one week of attendance.** It will be disruptive for the children and for staff if there are pupils who are not attending regularly. As you will see in the information attached, we have to group children carefully and will find it difficult to respond to sudden changes such as pupils arriving at school without warning.

Please ask your GP whether it is safe for your child to attend school if there is anyone in your home with a medical condition.

If you have decided that the 2<sup>nd</sup> June is not the right time for your child to return to school, please ensure that they complete the daily home learning provided by their teacher. From 2<sup>nd</sup> June, work packs will be available for collection from the bicycle shelter at the front of the school to support home learning. Work provided will link to the learning provided in school. It is really important that children who are not at school are still learning!

**Following our phone calls last week, we are confirming attendees for the 2<sup>nd</sup> June by text message today. If you have not received a text message and would like your child to attend on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June, please email me before 4:30pm on Friday.**

We are really looking forward to seeing you / your child in the future.

Kind regards,  
Rebecca

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