



Welcome **Back!**

Information for Parents and Carers



September 2021

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Dear parents and carers

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year!



I hope that you have all had a restful summer break and that you are all looking forward to the start of the new school year on Monday 6th September (Year 1- Year 6 children).

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of our new families to the school and I look forward to seeing you all at Beecroft over the coming weeks. Thank you for choosing us to not only educate, but to look after and care for your children. Although we are a large primary school, we pride ourselves on our positive relationships and our family feel. We are delighted that you are joining our Beecroft family. To those families who have been with us for a number of years- we are grateful for your continued support and look forward to working with you and your children again this year. Although the last few years have been challenging times for us all, we have been overwhelmed with the engagement and support that we have been from our families. I have no doubt that this will continue to blossom over the coming year, as we hopefully experience a more 'normal' school year...

As a result of Government restrictions easing last month and the relaxing of strict measures in the DfE (Department for Education) guidance, we are looking forward to returning to many of the routines of school life that we enjoyed prior to the pandemic. However, it would be naïve of me to think there will not be any Covid-19 related challenges this year and, therefore, as has been the case since March 2020, the health and safety of our children, families and staff will always be our priority. It may therefore be that some of the restrictions that were in place last year return, should Covid-19 transmission be prevalent within our school. As ever, I will ensure that you are kept fully informed at all times.

The pages ahead will include all of the information that you need to know ahead of the children returning to school next week, however, if you do have any further questions- please email us at office@beecroftacademy.co.uk.

Enjoy the rest of the summer holiday and we look forward to seeing you all next week!

Take care

Mr Nick Hackett

Headteacher



Key Information

Timings

Classrooms will open at 8:45am for ALL children, with registers closing at 9:00am. School will end at 3:30pm for children in Year 1- Year 6 and at 3:25pm for children in EYFS (once they are in school full time). Attendance is compulsory for all children.

Entry and Exit Points

Elephant Class - classroom door

Giraffe Class- classroom door

Monkey Class- classroom door

Tiger Class- classroom door

Penguin Class- KS1 corridor door

Zebra Class- KS1 corridor door

Meerkat Class- classroom door

Lion Class- classroom door

Panda Class- classroom door

Panther Class- main school reception

Koala Class- Year 5 cabin*

Lemur Class- Year 5 cabin*

Rhino Class- Year 6 cabin*

Leopard Class- Year 6 cabin*



*The new Year 5 and Year 6 classrooms are not yet ready to use. We anticipate that they will be ready by October half term.

Both the Westfield Road and Brewers Hill Road gates will be open to use. If driving to school, please park safely and courteously.

Uniform

It remains important that all children wear full school uniform. Our branded uniform is sold at Best Look. For a full list of the required uniform, please click on the link below;

[School Uniform Information](#)

Children will return to our normal arrangements of changing for PE lessons once in school and therefore should no longer arrive at school in their PE kits.

PE Days

Elephant Class - Fridays

Giraffe Class- Thursdays

Monkey Class- Mondays and Thursdays

Tiger Class- Tuesdays and Fridays

Penguin Class- Wednesdays and Fridays

Zebra Class- Mondays and Fridays

Meerkat Class- Mondays and Tuesdays

Lion Class- Tuesdays and Wednesdays

Panda Class- Wednesdays and Thursdays

Panther Class- Thursdays and Fridays

Koala Class- Mondays and Tuesdays

Lemur Class- Mondays and Thursdays

Rhino Class- Wednesdays and Fridays

Leopard Class- Tuesdays and Wednesdays



After School Clubs and Buzz Bees

Both Buzz Bees and our after school clubs programme will start from Monday 6th September. Please use the link below for all bookings:

[Magicbooking](#)

School Lunches

We will return to using the dining room for lunchtimes this year, rather than the children eating in their classrooms as was the case last year. All children in EYFS- Year 2 are eligible for Universal Free School Meals and can have a hot school lunch courtesy of our school caterers, Hobbs. Children in Year 3- Year 6 can also order hot lunches for £2.30 a day. These can be ordered via the link below:

[School Lunch Orders](#)

It may also be that your child is eligible for Pupil Premium funding. Please see the information below:

Families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for free school meals. Your child is eligible for free school meals if you're in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400.
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190

Registering for free meals could also raise an extra **£1,320** for our school to fund valuable support like extra tuition, additional teaching staff or after school activities. This additional money is available from central government for every child whose parent is receiving one of the benefits listed above.

Please click on the link below to find out if your child is eligible for this funding:

[Central Bedfordshire Pupil Premium Funding Information](#)



Assemblies

The aim is that we will return to large group assemblies in the hall during the autumn term. Initially, this will be with a small number of classes together. Once we deem it ready, we will increase the number of children attending assemblies and begin to invite parents and carers to our celebration assemblies.

Communication

We will continue to communicate regularly with our families through the following means:

- ✓ Website – www.beecroftacademy.co.uk
- ✓ Twitter – [@BeecroftAcademy](https://twitter.com/BeecroftAcademy)
- ✓ Weekly update letter (Mondays) and weekly newsletter (Fridays)
- ✓ Groupcall emails and text messages



Covid-19 Guidance

We continue to follow the latest DfE guidance and information will be shared as necessary. Our control measures from now on will be:

- Ensuring good hygiene for everyone (regular hand washing and sanitising/ catch it, bin it, kill it)
- Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes
- Keeping classrooms and learning spaces well ventilated
- Regular staff testing and isolating positive cases
- Following public health advice

To help reduce the spread of Covid-19, please ensure that the guidance below is followed:

- ❖ Children and adults still **MUST NOT** attend school if they are showing any of the main Covid-19 symptoms:



- ❖ **IF YOUR CHILD TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19 MUST ISOLATE AND NOT ATTEND SCHOOL FOR THE FULL DURATION OF THEIR ISOLATION PERIOD**

- ❖ Individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with Covid-19, or are a close contact of someone with Covid-19, and any of the following apply:

- ✓ They are fully vaccinated
- ✓ They are below the age of 18 years and 6 months
- ✓ They have taken part in or are currently part of an approved Covid-19 vaccine trial
- ✓ They are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

- ❖ Class bubbles will no longer likely to close as a result of a positive case. Instead, they will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been identified as a close contact and advised to complete a PCR test. We would encourage all individuals to take a PCR test if they are advised to do so

- ❖ The school has an outbreak management plan that will be followed should transmission rates be high within school or locally- please click on the link below to view this document:

[Outbreak Management Plan](#)

- ✓ We still encourage parents and carers to wear face coverings when on the school site





We look forward to welcoming
you all back to school on
Monday 5th September



TEAM

Together Everyone Achieves More

Every child
Every chance
Every day

Got any 'back to school' questions? Tweet us,
[@BeecroftAcademy](https://twitter.com/BeecroftAcademy), or email office@beecroftacademy.co.uk

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