

# Pebble Brook School

September 2020

## Return of Full Time Education.

*The personal safety of our pupils and colleagues is our first priority. In a small school like ours we have the capacity to personalise our approach to the varying needs of everyone.*

*Further to this, Pebble Brook School recognises the increased impact of COVID-19 on the physical and mental health of our BAME community. We follow Public Health England's guidance to ensure that we implement all recommended strategies.*

### **Proposal for September is as follows:-**

There will be one distinct group (bubble). The whole school will be one bubble.

Our school building does not support the practical application of more than one bubble.

This is because:-

- Corridors under 2m wide
- Room sizes and availability particularly dining room, hall, staff room and reception areas.
- Pupils are transported to school across key stages.
- Broad and ambitious curriculum means we have to utilise specialist staff and working areas.

Staff and pupils, as one distinct bubble, can share the entire school space.

We must minimise risk and maintain all areas as safe as possible.

The overarching principle is to reduce the number of contacts between individuals.

### **Environment**

- Ideally staff and pupils to maintain 2m social distancing.
- Pupils will maintain 1m+ in most circumstances in school.
- Timetable designed to minimise movement around school. There are no pupil transitions between lessons 1 and 2 and lessons 3 and 4.
- Congregation / play areas will be kept separate between KS3 and KS4.
- KS3 and KS4 to be separate for break and lunchtime.
- Pupils to 'line up' at start of the day and to be escorted to class.
- Staffroom to stay as capacity of nine.
- Staff encouraged to find alternative places to relax.

### **In class**

- Seating arranged facing front at 1m+. Pupils to avoid facing each other.
- Individual resource packs (pens, pencils etc)
- All unnecessary sharing avoided.
- Teachers to avoid contact with pupil's resources where possible.
- Numbers in class to be kept as low as possible, never above 10.

## Hygiene

- Individual cleaning packs in every room.
- Surfaces in rooms wiped down before each break.
- Communal areas cleaned constantly.
- Installation of three outdoor handwashing areas.
- Handwashing procedures to be maintained (on arrival and regularly throughout the day).

## General measures.

- Full uniform to be worn.
- PE kit as normal.
- All coats, bags and kit to be taken home every evening.
- PLEASE clearly label all clothing.
- Maximum 4 pupils on minibus.

## Scenarios and FAQ's

### **Are we taking pupil temperatures?**

*No, not unless they are showing symptoms of COVID-19. This follows PHE (Public Health England) guidance.*

### **What happens if a pupil or staff member is displaying symptoms?**

*If symptoms occur at home, neither pupil or staff should enter the building.*

*If symptoms occur in school they will be sent home and asked to self-isolate.*

*School will insist that the person is tested.*

*Using our own 'track and trace', all persons who have had 15 mins or more contact with the suspected case, will be informed but will not be expected to self-isolate and can stay at school.*

*If the case tests positive, then all the persons, with 15 min or more contact, will self-isolate for 14 days.*

### **Do we recommend the use of face coverings in school?**

*PHE does not recommend the use of face coverings in school.*

*They are not banned and can be worn. Pupils must be taught safe practice.*

### **Is education compulsory in September 2020?**

*Yes. The usual rules on school attendance will apply.*

### **Will we be teaching our normal broad and ambitious curriculum?**

*Yes, our timetable is as normal as we can make it under the circumstances.*

### **Is there a set number of positive cases that would enforce closure of the bubble (whole school)?**

*DfE guidance says that 2 positive cases will mean closure.*

**How often will school be cleaned?**

*School receives 10 hours of cleaning every evening and that will remain. Additional deep clean will take place in August and in the event of an area being closed due to a positive test.*

**Are there any changes or adaptations to Child protection and Safeguarding arrangements?**

*We will be providing more time in September to the emotional welfare of our pupils given what they have been through. All appropriate support for pupils and staff will be provided. School will continue to follow the guidance and updates in 'Keeping Children Safe in Education'.*

**Practical Implications for September 2020**

- Pupils arrive in school, KS3 go to field area and KS4 to MUGA and playground.
- FED go to their common room.
- All pupils begin the day at 8.50am by reporting to their form groups.
- A large group of FED pupils will use two rooms at the Healthy Living Centre.

Lessons 1 and 2:

- KS3 on top corridor doing English and Maths.
- KS4 in new build doing other morning subjects.

1030 Break

- KS3 on field, KS4 on playground.

Lessons 3 and 4

- KS4 upstairs for English and Maths,
- KS3 in new build doing morning subjects
- Throughout these times, FED and Bedgrove/Berryfields will implement their normal timetables.

1215 -1245

- Lunch KS3 Lesson 5 KS4.

1245-1315

- Lunch KS4 Lesson 5 KS3 *Note only 30 min lunch.*

1315-1445

- Afternoon lessons 6 and 7 – all groups

1445-1500

- Registration and prepare for home.

1500 School closes.

**This is a key change. Please note this important information. The plan is to revisit the finishing time once COVID restrictions are lifted.**

**PLEASE CONTACT SCHOOL IF THIS CAUSES ANY ISSUES.**

PUPILS WILL STILL BE TAUGHT EXACTLY THE SAME AMOUNT OF TIME AS NORMAL.

*Some FED pupils will be working in rooms at the Healthy Living Centre. Mrs Robson has sent details to these families separately.*

**School closes Friday 17 July – all parents affected by this change are receiving a phone call this week.**

We propose to partially close and keep Monday 20 July and Tuesday 21 July open to key worker pupils only and those who attended through April and May.

A skeleton staff will support these pupils. All other staff will be in rearranging resources and rooms ready for September.

School will reopen on 1 September.

1 and 2 September INSET Days.

3 and 4 September Induction for Year 7 pupils and Year 12 in FED

School will reopen fully on 7 September.

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