



# Bernards Heath Infant and Nursery School

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## November 2020 – Update 3

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the half term we call 'Autumn 2'. I am grateful to be writing only our third Covid update of the Autumn Term.

Following the announcement on Saturday, there is very little that needs to change for us at school. Providing the Government's plans are approved by Parliament and finalised by Thursday, what is included in this update should stand for the coming weeks.

This will be the first time we have operated at full capacity throughout a National Lockdown. Everything you do to ensure the safety of our staff team and your children and families, will enable us to remain open. We are hopeful that we can maintain a safe environment by working together.

### Masks

From Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, every parent/carer on the school site (and ideally, whilst standing in line outside of the school gates) **must wear a face covering**.

This further protects our staff and protects you and your families as you wait in line.

Masks for staff at classroom doors will not be mandatory (but may be worn) as they will be communicating with the children.

Please ensure you communicate this update with anyone who manages the school run for your child.

### Social Distancing

There is a clearly marked, blue line outside of classroom doors. Please look down at the floor to make sure you know where this is and that you are not moving within 2 metres of our staff.

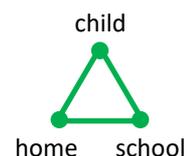
For those of you dropping off or collecting from the main playground, please ensure you do so at a distance from our staff.

### Emails

Messages or questions for staff **must be emailed**. We must ensure we maintain the conveyor belt approach to dropping off/collecting and that our staff remain safe.



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## **Bubbles**

We continue to manage individual, class sized bubbles. This proves a huge challenge to staff and something that logistically is not a sustainable, long-term option. It is incredibly difficult to separate the school into 10 separate spaces with 10 separate staffing bubbles. However, we will continue to work like this for as long as is possible, reviewing weekly and dealing with each challenge as it comes.

## **Childcare**

Wraparound care remains open. Details of our Childcare Bubbles are attached again – these have not changed. You will also find a video from [Mrs Aide](#) and [Miss Sinnott](#) – our Childcare Leaders – giving you an insight into life inside the building, before and after school. Our Childcare teams deserve a huge thank you from all of us for the work they are doing in maintaining a warm, welcoming, relaxed and fun environment, despite the restrictions put in their way.

[Click here to book your place.](#)

Our school office remains closed to visitors – please continue to contact us via phone or email. In an exceptional circumstance, if you do arrive at the school office, you must be wearing a mask before entering the school building.

Thank you for your support, your words of encouragement and for your continued understanding – we know that a life full of restrictions is proving tiring. We look forward to a safe and happy Autumn 2.

With very best wishes,

Miss Woolfson

Acting Head teacher