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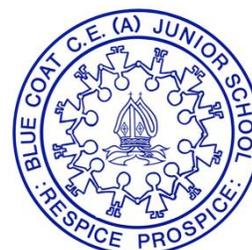
Let your light shine



**THE BLUE COAT CHURCH OF ENGLAND (AIDED)
INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOLS' FEDERATION**

BELIEVING, CELEBRATING, SUCCEEDING

EXECUTIVE HEAD TEACHER: MR. A. ORLIK



1st March, 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

All children back full time Monday 8th March, 2021

We will be opening to all the Blue Coat children on a full time basis on Monday 8th March.

The Education Minister, Gavin Williamson has written a letter to parents/carers about the Government's plans for schools to be fully open. This can be found online: <https://dfemedia.blog.gov.uk/2021/02/23/an-open-letter-from-education-secretary-gavin-williamson-to-parents-carers-and-guardians/> Please be aware that the plans for our provision going forward are constantly under review and will be revised in response to the constantly changing situation locally and nationally.

Safety

To ensure safety in line with the Government's guidance, we shall be, once again, operating separate pods for each year group. We will avoid children in different pods having contact with each other during the school day. This will require specific instructions for each year group about the times and location for their arrival and departure. Times for the end of the day will be slightly staggered to allow for the safe exit from the site of all the children.

Year Group	Arrival time & gate (see map on page 4)	Collection time and gate	Lunch Arrangements
Nursery	8.30am to 8.45am – Green Gate Parents/Carers do not enter the site.	3.15am to 3.30pm – Green Gate Parents/Carers space out on the Foundation Stage playground, collect child and leave.	30 hour place children bring their own packed lunch. All other Nursery children are at home for lunch.
Reception	8.45am to 9am – Green Gate Parents/Carers do not enter the site.	3pm Woodpeckers and Robins – Green Gate Parents/Carers space out on the Foundation Stage playground, collect child and leave. Tawny Owls – Purple Gate Parents/Carers space out on the back playground, collect child and leave.	All Reception children will have a free school meal provided. <i>We will be following the menu preferences we were using in the Autumn Term.</i>
Year 1	8.45am to 9am – Purple Gate Parents/Carers do not enter the site.	3.10pm – Purple Gate Parents/Carers space out on the back playground, collect child and leave.	All Year 1 children will have a free school meal provided. <i>We will be following the menu preferences we were using in the Autumn Term.</i>
Year 2	8.45am to 9am – Brown Gate Parents/Carers do not enter the site.	3.10pm – Brown Gate Parents/Carers space out on the front playground, collect child and leave.	All Year 2 children will have a free school meal provided. <i>We will be following the menu preferences we were using in the Autumn Term.</i>

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Year 3	8.40am to 8.55am – Orange Gate Parents/Carers do not enter the site.	3.10pm – Parents/Carers enter via Blue Gate and space out at the back of the Junior School, on the playground, collect child and exit via the Blue Gate.	<p>Two week rota:</p> <p>Week 1 either school dinner (paid for unless your child receives free school meals) or a packed lunch from home eaten in the Junior Canteen.</p> <p>Week 2 packed lunches in the classrooms. School packed lunches can be paid for (free if your child receives free school meals) and children can order or packed lunches from home can be brought in.</p>
Year 4	8.40am to 8.55am – Red Gate Parents/Carers do not enter the site.	3.10pm – Parents/Carers enter via Red Gate and space out at the back of the Junior School, on the playground, collect child and exit via the Red Gate .	<p>Two week rota:</p> <p>Week 1 either school dinner (paid for unless your child receives free school meals) or a packed lunch from home eaten in the Junior Canteen.</p> <p>Week 2 packed lunches in the classrooms. School packed lunches can be paid for (free if your child receives free school meals) and children can order or packed lunches from home can be brought in.</p>
Year 5	8.40am to 8.55am – Yellow Gate Parents/Carers do not enter the site.	3.20pm – Parents/Carers enter via Orange Gate and space out in front of the Junior School, on the grass, collect child and exit via the Orange Gate .	<p>Two week rota:</p> <p>Week 1 packed lunches in the classrooms. School packed lunches can be paid for (free if your child receives free school meals) and children can order or packed lunches from home can be brought in.</p> <p>Week 2 either school dinner (paid for unless your child receives free school meals) or a packed lunch from home eaten in the Junior Canteen.</p>
Year 6	8.40am to 8.55am – Blue Gate Parents/Carers do not enter the site.	3.20pm - Parents/Carers enter via Blue Gate and space out at the back of the Junior School, on the playground, collect child and exit via the Blue Gate .	<p>Two week rota:</p> <p>Week 1 packed lunches in the classrooms. School packed lunches can be paid for (free if your child receives free school meals) and children can order or packed lunches from home can be brought in.</p> <p>Week 2 either school dinner (paid for unless your child receives free school meals) or a packed lunch from home eaten in the Junior Canteen.</p>

Arriving and Leaving

Children will need to enter and leave through allocated gates (see plan) at specified times.

In the morning children can walk through the gate specified and to their classroom at any point between the times specified in the table. Parents/Carers should not come onto the sites in the morning.

Please note that in line with Government and Public Health guidelines, we are no longer checking children's temperatures on arrival.

At the end of the school day, it is vital that these timings are followed and that you make sure that you are on site in the right place and at the right time so that your child can be safely collected.

Parents/Carers

To maintain safety, parents and carers will not be able to enter the school sites except at the end of the school day to collect children. **Parents/Carers must wear masks at all times whilst on the school site (if you are exempt, please ask for a badge from the school office).** Staff will be at your child's entrance and exit gate to supervise their safe arrival and departure.

Please drop or collect your child and leave as quickly as possible. Please maintain at least one metre distance from everyone else and avoid gathering or waiting close to the gates.

Communication with you is very important, however, I hope you understand that we are unable to allow parents/carers access to the offices at the moment. Parents/Carers can give straightforward messages to staff on the gates. Alternatively, all queries can be made by telephone (Infants: 01922 720740 Juniors: 01922 720921) or email (postbox@bluecoatfederation.co.uk). Your child's teachers can continue to be contacted through the year group email addresses.

Clothes

Children should wear full school uniform. This should be washed regularly. *We appreciate that children may need new uniform items, as they may have grown, and that these may be difficult to get hold of at the moment. We will be sensitive about this. If this is an issue for your family, please email familysupport@bluecoatfederation.co.uk and we will do what we can to help.*

The uniform expectations can be found on our website: www.bluecoatfederation.co.uk

Children should attend school in their PE kit on their PE day. On your child's PE day a **dark navy blue or black tracksuit should be worn over their PE kit (white T-shirt and navy blue shorts) with trainers.** Additionally, your child will need a pair of pumps to put on for indoor PE (these can be left in school). If your child does not have pumps in school, they will do indoor PE in bare feet.

Your child's PE day

PE Days – Your child can come to school in their PE kit on this day each week	
Nursery (Bumble Bees)	Friday
Reception (Woodpeckers, Robins and Tawny Owls)	Thursday
Year 1 (Dolphins, Sea Horses and Penguins)	Monday
Year 2 (Jaguars, Lions and Panthers)	Tuesday
3SB and 3AF	Tuesday
3RO	Monday
4CM and 4SL	Wednesday
4EB	Monday
Year 5 (5ST, 5BM and 5SM)	Thursday
Year 6 (6RP, 6MS and 6OH)	Friday

Lunch

Please see specific lunch arrangements for your child in the table above. *If your circumstances have changed, you can apply for free school meals. Applying online is quick and lunches can start to be received almost immediately; (search for 'Walsall Free School Meals' online).*

Before and After School Club (Blue Coat Plus)

Our Before and After School Club (Blue Coat Plus) will be fully open. This is operated by Fit for Sport. Places for this extremely popular provision are limited and they must be booked in advance at www.fitforsport.co.uk. Bookings can be made now for the rest of term.

Sickness

If your child is unwell, they must not come to school until they are fully recovered.

If your child, or anyone in your household, is displaying any symptoms of COVID-19 (a high temperature, a continuous cough, a loss of smell or taste) then they must self-isolate at home for 10 days. They should also immediately book a COVID-19 test through NHS.uk or by telephoning 119. The rest of the household will need to self-isolate for 10 days. Please keep us informed if anyone in your home develops symptoms of COVID-19 or has a test confirming that they do have COVID-19 as we will have to inform Public Health England straightaway.

If you have any questions about this matter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. A. Orlik
Executive Head

