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**Executive Headteacher**  
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**Re: Arrangements for September**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you all so much for your support this year. Despite some huge challenges we are really pleased with the progress children have made and we know that they have really enjoyed the wide range of experiences we have still managed to provide for them. This is in no small part due to the support that you as parents have provided especially over the Spring term lockdown.

As you will have seen in the news, schools have been issued with new guidance for managing COVID-19 from September. This includes not restricting children to class bubbles and not asking children to isolate if they have been in contact with a positive case. We really welcome this easing of restrictions but some precautions must still be taken. Children who display COVID-19 symptoms and/or test positive must still not attend school. The full guidance can be found [here](#) but the main changes are summarised on the following pages with what it means for you and your children at Beck.

Schools will also be required to have a contingency plan for managing an ‘outbreak’. If several positive cases of COVID-19 are identified in school or within a certain yeargroup over 14 days, Public Health England may get in touch with school to work with us to manage this as a ‘outbreak’ In this case we may be asked to reintroduce some of the more restrictive control measures such as face masks and ‘bubbles’.

Whilst the last 18 months have been difficult we have been surprised by how some of the changes we have been forced to implement have had some positive outcomes. Smaller groups in the dining room, a staggered start to the day and limiting visitors to school have all been changes that have supported a calmer and more pleasant time for children in school. For this reason we have chosen to retain some of these changes.

New guidance	What this means at Beck
Children no longer need to remain in ‘bubbles’ and can mix with other children in school.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We will continue to keep children in classes for the majority of their learning as we usually do.</li> <li>• Children may be able to mix with other children within their yeargroup at lunchtimes, in assemblies and when learning in small groups such as completing interventions.</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We will maintain a staggered start and end to the day as we have found this helps to provide a calm start for children. (See new start and finish times below)</li> <li>• Children will be able to move around school to use specialist teaching spaces such as the ICT suite and music room.</li> <li>• We will maintain a calmer lunch experience for children by having those with cold lunches eating in the classroom.</li> </ul>
Positive cases of COVID-19 will now be managed by Test and Trace and not school.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If a child in school tests positive for COVID-19 then NHS Test and Trace will get in touch with that child's parents, ask them who they have been in close contact with and then get in touch with those contacts.</li> </ul>
Children under the age of 18 will no longer have to self-isolate if they are a contact of someone who tests positive for COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School will no longer close a class bubble if a child in the class tests positive.</li> <li>• NHS Test and Trace will inform you if your child has been in close contact with a positive case of COVID-19 and will advise that your child takes a PCR test. We would encourage all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so.</li> </ul>
It will no longer be a requirement that face masks are worn.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We will no longer ask parents to wear face masks when dropping off and collecting from school however you may still wish to do so.</li> </ul>

<u>What remains the same:</u>	<u>What this means for Beck</u>
<u><b>No-one must attend the school site if they have symptoms of COVID-19 such as a new continuous cough, high temperature or loss of taste or smell.</b></u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If your child is ill, please contact the school via telephone to inform us on the first day of absence. If you are concerned that your child may be displaying COVID-19 symptoms, you must get your child tested and inform school of the result.</li> <li>• Children who test positive for COVID-19 must still isolate for the recommended period and not attend school.</li> <li>• If anyone in school develops COVID-19 symptoms, however mild, we will send them home and they should follow public health advice.</li> </ul>
Visitors to school will continue to be limited	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parents and carers will continue to drop off and collect children from the playground.</li> <li>• Visitors to the school site will be limited.</li> </ul>
Control measures will remain in place.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children will be encouraged to wash their hands regularly and hand sanitiser will be available.</li> <li>• Children will be encouraged to 'catch it, bin it, kill it' when they sneeze or cough.</li> <li>• We will aim to keep school ventilated.</li> <li>• Cleaning regimes will remain rigorous.</li> </ul>
All clinically extremely vulnerable children can attend school unless they are one of the very small number of children and young people under paediatric or other specialist care who have been advised by their GP or clinician not to attend.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If you are concerned about your child's medical condition, please contact school so that we can discuss how we will support them.</li> </ul>

### Drop-off and collection times from September 2021

Year group	Start time	End time	Where to line up and collect children.
<b>Little Beck Morning</b>	8:30	11:15	Use the normal Little Beck entrance.
<b>Little Beck Afternoon</b>	12:15	3:00	Use the normal Little Beck entrance.
<b>FS1 Nursery</b>	8:45	2:45	Enter through the normal Nursery gate, over the bridge and drop off at the Nursery entrance Exit down the steps and through the car park.
<b>FS2 Reception</b>	9.00am	3.00pm	Enter through the normal Nursery gate, over the bridge and drop off at the FS2 entrance. Exit down the steps and through the car park.
<b>Y1 Mrs Holt and Miss Makepeace Miss Adams Miss Thomas and Miss Thompson</b>	8:50am	2:50pm	Drop off and collect from the small Y1 yard in front of school. Enter through the Nursery gate at the front of school and turn left. Please wait with your child on the yard until a teacher has collected them.
<b>Y2 Miss Horan Mr Jones-Davis Mrs Charles</b>	8:50am	2:50pm	Drop off and collect from the big Y2 yard. Enter through the Nursery gate at the front of school and turn right. Please wait with your child on the yard until a teacher has collected them.
<b>Y3 Miss Helliwell Mrs Woodcock Miss Lawton</b>	9:10am	3:10pm	Enter through the gate at the Dunninc Road end of Beck Road. Drop off in the yard then exit through the gate on Dunninc Road, next to the caretaker's house.
<b>Y4 Miss Willoughby and Mrs Wall Miss Lilley Mr Jones</b>	9:00am	3.00pm	Enter through the gate at the Dunninc Road end of Beck Road. Drop off in the yard then exit through the gate on Dunninc Road, next to the caretaker's house.
<b>Y5 Miss Howes Mr Nettleship Miss Flesher</b>	8:50am	2:50pm	Enter through the gate at the Dunninc Road end of Beck Road. Drop off in the yard then exit through the gate on Dunninc Road, next to the caretaker's house.
<b>Y6 Mr Johnson and Miss Warburton Miss Coe Mr Peck</b>	8.40am	2:40pm	Enter through the gate at the Dunninc Road end of Beck Road. Drop off in the yard then exit through the gate on Dunninc Road, next to the caretaker's house.

## Uniform and equipment

The expectation remains that all children will wear a full school uniform.

- Black or grey trousers or skirt
- Grey pinafore or navy gingham dress
- Plain black shoes or trainers - no sandals
- White, blue or yellow polo shirt
- Navy blue jumper or cardigan
- No jewellery- except a watch and small stud earrings.

Children will need to bring to school:

- Water bottle filled with **water only**- taken home to be cleaned each day.
- Book bag.
- If your child chooses, they can bring a packed lunch (no chocolates, sweets or pop).

No other toys or personal belongings should be brought to school.

## PE kits

Children do not need to bring a PE kit to school. Instead, your child can wear leggings, shorts or jogging bottoms with trainers on their class PE days with a normal school uniform on their top half (white polo shirt and navy blue jumper or cardigan). We have found that this has allowed children to enjoy a longer PE lesson and they prefer to not change in school.

## Breakfast and After School Club

Breakfast and Afterschool club provision will continue in the same way as this year.

**Breakfast club will be available at a charge of £1.00 a day/child from 8:00am.** This will include breakfast and childcare. Parents will not be able to stay. You must pre-book a place.

**After school club will continue as previously at a cost of £8 a day** running from the end of the school day to 6pm for those children with a pre-booked place.

Both Breakfast and After-school Club can only be attended if you have pre-booked a place by calling the office.

Bagels or toast will continue to be provided for all children in their classroom through the Magic Breakfast program.

## Transition

We have been advised by Public Health to cancel any face-to-face transition events that we had planned this year. Instead your child's new teacher will visit their class to introduce themselves at some point over the week in a socially distanced way. We also have 'Meet the Teacher' videos on our blog with details of the teaching staff in each yeargroup.

Thank you again for all your support this year. We're very much looking forward to the new school year when we hope we will be able to have a more settled and 'normal' year!

Kind regards,



Mrs J Coats

Head of School