



# Banks Lane Junior School

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2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you managed to have some kind of break over the summer.

We are really looking forward to welcoming all children back this week: **Year 3 tomorrow and the rest of the school the following day on Friday.**

We've had to make some changes to the school to make it as safe as possible. We've put together a short video which shows your child what to expect on their first day back. Please click the link below:

[School Tour](#)

Before we start, there are some really important reminders I would like to draw your attention to:

1. Please be on time. We are unable to accommodate lateness. If your child misses their start time, you will be expected to wait with them until they can be safely escorted to their class. This will mean crossing bubbles unnecessarily and putting others at risk.
2. Please observe our one way system on site. The entrance at the front of school is on Hulme Street and the exit is on to Hempshaw Lane. You can also enter at the back through the single gate on the field with the exit through the double gates.
3. You can wait for your child at the end of the day in our designated waiting areas. If you are picking up siblings, please collect them at the later siblings finish time in their bubble waiting area.
4. Please remember to observe a 2m social distance with members of staff and other families on the playground and field.
5. Please remember to send your child in with a jumper: all windows in school will be open so it could get chilly!
6. School meals can be paid for online or if your child is entitled to free school meals, please let us know. Meals will be brought to the classroom for your child in a grab bag. They will be able to choose in the morning.
7. Start and finish times, a map with our one way system and waiting areas, information about siblings and more can be found in our September Return to School Letter. Click here: [September Return to School Letter](#)

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## School Ties

We hope you enjoyed the pack we sent you before the holidays. You will have received a gift certificate for a new school tie. You don't need to bring this in; everyone will be given a new tie when they arrive.

Unfortunately, we have been let down by the supplier so there will be a delay. If your child doesn't have a tie, don't worry, we will give them out as soon as we can - hopefully early next week!

## Face Masks

You may have seen in the media a lot of reporting about face masks in schools. As a primary setting, the government maintain that face masks are not appropriate in school.

At this moment in time therefore, it is not necessary for children to wear face masks because of the other measures in place. Government guidelines identify adults as being more at risk in schools, for this reason, some adults in school may choose to wear masks due to their individual circumstances.

## Quarantine

If you have recently returned from a country that is on the government's quarantine list, please ensure your child does not come in to school until the 14 day quarantine period is over. Please call the school office if this is the case.

At the risk of bombarding you with too much information in one go, you can access our past letters regarding reopening on our school website. You should find all the information you need here including what to do when your child arrives and the information we sent out about Breakfast Club.

Click here: [Previous letters on the website](#)

Please remember to read and agree to our new home school agreement prior to your child starting. You can find this by clicking here: [New Home School Agreement](#)

As a parent, I am preparing for my own two children to return to school. I completely understand that after such a significant period of time away, there may well be some nerves. I also recognise there are new ways of operating which will take some getting used to for all of us. Coming back to school is a big thing for pupils and parents alike. We will have members of staff on the playground to take questions, point you in the right direction and reassure you and your child when you arrive. Even though our school office remains closed, we are still here. You can call the school office, use the [admin@bankslane-jun.stockport.sch.uk](mailto:admin@bankslane-jun.stockport.sch.uk) email address or, if you really need to see someone, we can facilitate a meeting on-site by appointment only - please call to arrange this so we can go through the government guidelines prior to your appointment.

We look forward to welcoming your child back this week. In the meantime, stay safe.

Kind regards,

Mr. Milner

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