



Belton Update

5th March 2021

Well everyone we made it!

Hopefully it is the end of homeschooling in its current form. Well done and congratulations to all the children and those adults who have helped them with their school work, particularly over the last half term. You are all fabulous! Thank you to all the school staff as well who have worked incredibly hard. Being a small school this has put a massive amount of strain on everyone's work load but we all have come back smiling!

To reiterate what I said last week, looking at the Covid-19 figures, whilst we are looking forward to the reopening, we must also be mindful that the rates in North West Leicestershire are very high compared to the national average. Therefore, it is clear we do need to follow the guidance to the letter and keep up all of the systems we have in place to ensure we are all as safe as possible. I encourage parents to take up the offer for the lateral flow tests (letter on Weduc) and emphasize if your child is poorly please keep them at home. If there is any doubt, please get your child tested and if anyone in your household has symptoms the whole house must isolate. Please also remember that 1 in 3 people are asymptomatic. I've attached the letter sent out previously about reopening to the bottom of the update.



This year, to ensure that all children at home or at school can all join in with World Book Day celebrations, we will be participating in **'The Masked Reader'** challenge.

Book week has been different this year but amazing! The masked reader was brilliant! Did you get them all right? Thank you to Mrs Peczek and Miss North for organising.

The masks the children made at home and in school have been amazing - I hope you all enjoyed it. All of the activities from the live events to looking at different stories have made it a fun week!



School dinners are Week two for Week beginning 1st March- the menu is on Weduc (in the notices section).

Please bring in Santa Run money before Easter

Parents Evenings

On reflection, with the children all returning on the 8th March, I have changed the dates for Parents Evenings. They will take place week beginning 12th April and if necessary week beginning 19th April. They will be by telephone, with an option for a video call if you prefer. Details will be sent nearer to the time.

Certificates this week

Tigers

Stars of the week

Ted - for his amazing efforts becoming an anything and illustrator with his What the Ladybird Heard booklet

Mason - for working really hard with his tricky word



Owls

Jack - Mindset champion for great concentration

Fred - Star of the Week

Magdalena - Handwriting

Nancy - Maths

Bugclubber - Harry

Mathletics

Silver award - Finley, Pandora, Harry

Bronze award – Nancy, Lyle, Caitlin, Freya, Charlie

Lions

Readiwriter:

Silver - Ivy, Thomas

Bronze - Ivy, Harriet, Henry, James, Gabe, Anaya and Thomas

Mathletics:

Bronze award - Ivy, Thomas

Times Tables Rock Stars: Ivy - Headliner

Handwriting: Katy



Learning Power: Vivek for working so hard on his mask

Maths: Bella

Star of the Week: Thomas - for his excellent mask.

Bug Clubber: Jenny again as she has read over 50 books!

Sea Otters

Star of the Week: Alfie – for always having a positive attitude to everything.

Mindset Champion: Freddie - he listens to others when he doesn't quite understand a question.

Handwriting: Edie

Mathematician: Giorgio - for consistently giving 100% effort.

Mathletics: Bronze - Cara

Readiwriter:

Bronze award - William, Lily, Cara

Silver award – William, Lily

Times Table Rockstar: Sally - Rock Star

Bug Clubber of the Week – Olivia

Book Mark Challenge winners – Freya and Katie (Tigers)

Dates for your diary

8th March - all children back to school

Parents evenings week beginning 12th April (2 weeks)

Friday 19th March - Comic Relief



Dear Parents and Carers,

FULL RE-OPENING UPDATE 8th MARCH 2021

We are extremely pleased to confirm that now we have received the Government's latest guidance on school reopening we are looking forward to welcoming ALL of our children back to school on Monday 8th March 2021.

We have been so proud of the way in which our children; both those in school and those who have remained at home, have coped with this period of immense uncertainty; they are again a credit to you all.

I have worked carefully through the updated DfE guidance for the reopening of school to all children from 8th March.

The DfE are clear about the measures that must be put in place to create safer environments and in ensuring schools are fully prepared; equipped and inducted.

Just like before the current lockdown schools must comply with health and safety law, which requires them to assess risks and put in place proportionate control measures. Schools should thoroughly review their health and safety risk assessments and draw up plans for the return to school that address the risks identified using the system of controls set out below. **The guidance states:**

Prevention

You must always:

- 1) Minimise contact with individuals who are required to self-isolate by ensuring they do not attend the school.
- 2) Ensure face coverings are used in recommended circumstances.
- 3) Ensure everyone is advised to clean their hands thoroughly and more often than usual.
- 4) Ensure good respiratory hygiene for everyone by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.
- 5) Maintain enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces often, using standard products such as detergents.
- 6) Consider how to minimise contact across the site and maintain social distancing wherever possible.
- 7) Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.

In specific circumstances:

- 8) Ensure individuals wear the appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) where necessary.
- 9) Promote and engage in asymptomatic testing, where available.

Response to any infection

You must always:

- 10) Promote and engage with the NHS Test and Trace process.
- 11) Manage and report confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) amongst the school community.
- 12) Contain any outbreak by following local health protection team advice

When an individual develops coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms or has a positive test, pupils, staff and other adults must not come into the school if:



- they have one or more coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms
- a member of their household (including someone in their support bubble or childcare bubble if they have one) has coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms
- they are required to quarantine having recently visited countries outside the Common Travel Area
- they have had a positive test

They must immediately cease to attend and not attend for at least 10 days from the day after:

- the start of their symptoms
- the test date if they did not have any symptoms but have had a positive test (whether this was a Lateral Flow Device (LFD) or Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test)

You must follow this process and ensure everyone onsite or visiting is aware of it. Anyone told to isolate by NHS Test and Trace or by their public health protection team has a legal obligation to self-isolate, but you may leave home to avoid injury or illness or to escape risk of harm. More information can be found on *NHS Test and Trace: how it works*.

If anyone in your school develops a new and continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), you:

- must send them home to begin isolation - **the isolation period includes the day the symptoms started and the next 10 full days**
- advise them to follow the guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection
- advise them to arrange to have a test as soon as possible to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19)

Other members of their household (including any siblings and members of their support or childcare bubble if they have one) should self-isolate.

Their isolation period includes the day symptoms started for the first person in their household, or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms, whether this was a Lateral Flow Device (LFD) or Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test, and the next 10 full days.

If a member of the household starts to display symptoms while self-isolating they will need to restart the 10- day isolation period and book a test.

If anyone tests positive whilst not experiencing symptoms but develop symptoms during the isolation period, they must restart the 10- day isolation period from the day they developed symptoms

As always, government guidance can change quickly so we will communicate any changes as soon as we are able to do so.



Full guidance

[Schools coronavirus \(COVID-19\) operational guidance \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/771412/schools-coronavirus-covid-19-operational-guidance.pdf)

Just like before the current lockdown there will be class bubbles.

Bubbles

The children will stay in their class bubbles as much as possible. Each bubble will have their own set of toilets. The children do not need to social distance from each other however ideally, adults should maintain 2 metre distance from each other, and from children. We know that this is not always possible, particularly when working with younger children, but if adults can do this when circumstances allow, that will help. In particular, they should avoid close face to face contact and minimise time spent within 1 metre of anyone. Similarly, it will not be possible when working with many pupils who have complex needs or who need close contact care. These pupils' educational and care support should be provided as normal. Staff are allowed to cross bubbles but children should not.

Attendance

School attendance will be mandatory for all pupils from 8 March. The usual rules on school attendance apply.

Face Coverings

All visitors, parents/guardians, over 12s, unless medically exempt must continue to wear a face covering on school grounds. As we have been doing, staff will wear a covering in corridors and communal areas. Children at primary are not expected to wear a face covering in school.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club will run. However, we will not be able to accept walk ins. Please contact the school office by email or via WEDUC by the Friday of the week before to book a place. The numbers will be limited, just like before on a first come first served basis.

Contacting teachers

From 8th March please remember all communication with teachers needs to be through the office email or weduc for it to be passed on to them. Please don't use the class email address.

After school clubs

After school clubs will run with Mr Pearce (Monday) and a sports coach from Mr Vasey's team Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. They will continue to run as a one 'bubble' class per evening. Tigers will also be included this time. There will be a form on WEDUC for you to fill in.

Monday Owls



Tuesday **TIGERS**

Wednesday Sea Otters

Thursday Lions

Staggered start and end to the day.

Please note this does not affect teaching time, which remains the same.

In line with the government guidance in order to limit the number of people on site only one parent/carer to enter school site at pick up and drop off. Younger siblings who do not attend school may accompany parent **ONLY** if there is no other option but to bring them with you.

The one way system in and out of school will remain. Enter via the small gate and exit via the car park door. Signs will show you where to go. Children will line up on the playground and staff will come and collect them. There will be hand washing stations set up outside to help the children to wash their hands before coming into school.

	Tigers	Owls	Lions	Sea Otters
Arrival time	8.45am	8.45am	8.35am	8.25am
Home time	3.10pm	3.10pm	3.00pm	2.50pm

Parents to **socially distance** whilst waiting and walking out.

We ask you to arrive and leave promptly

If you need a permission slip for those children in year 5 and 6 to walk home please email the office. All those completed before this lockdown do not need to be filled in again.

I understand that you may have a little wait if you have more than one child. I am sorry but staggered starts and ends of the day is a safety measure set out in the government guidance. You can either wait on the playground socially distanced, go and come back or if the child is in the appropriate year they can walk home unaccompanied. I have looked at different ways of doing this but all flag up different issues and this is the one I feel is best for our school.

Please be aware information suggests that the transmission of the virus is likely to be during drop off and pick up times between adults. Please stand socially distanced and limit contact between each other.



If you need to talk to the class teacher this must be done via office email. Please don't approach them at drop off and pick up.

Uniform

Wearing uniform will return as normal. However, the children will require wet weather clothes- they will be going outside for PE unless the weather is really really awful so they do need to be equipped-

Please bring PE Kit in from the 8th March.

Book bags and drawstring PE bags only please. Rucksacks simply take up too much space and the guidance says that the children should only bring into school essential items so there is no need for such a big bag. We want book bags to be able to be kept in the children's trays. The children may bring packed lunch boxes, preferably ones that are easy to wipe down.

No pencil cases will be required; we will give the children a plastic wallet with all they need.

Dinners

There will hot dinners and the 2 choice menu will resume. Children will eat in their classrooms, apart from Tigers who will eat in the hall. I will review this at Easter

Singing/music

Assemblies/ Collective worship will happen in the class bubbles.

The guitar lessons with George and ukulele class lessons with Mrs Farrell will continue as normal.

Group activities

Activities which require parents to come into school or a large audience e.g. special assemblies, production etc. are highly unlikely to happen in their usual format, but just like at Christmas we will try to do it all in a different way.

PE

PE will take place outside whatever the weather (unless it is truly dreadful). The children will need their complete outdoor kit on PE days.

Extra cleaning

Extra cleaning will continue to take place over lunchtimes of key points e.g. toilets, door handles etc

Curriculum and catch up on the return to school

Once we are all back in school our first concern will be to ensure the children transition back into school well and we will be putting lots of wellbeing and pshe activities throughout the day. We will also be putting in little quizzes and mini assessments during sessions to be really clear about where the children are at. We will be following the full curriculum as normal and we will be



writing more across the curriculum as we feel this will be an area the children may need to focus on.

Curriculum Guidance

We will follow the guidance which states:

You may consider focusing more on the prime areas of learning in the EYFS, including communication and language, personal, social and emotional development, and physical development, if you think this would support your children following time out due to coronavirus (COVID-19).

For pupils in Reception, teachers should also assess and address gaps in language, early reading and mathematics, particularly ensuring children's acquisition of phonic knowledge and extending their vocabulary.

For Reception, consider how all groups of children can be given equal opportunities for outdoor education.

For pupils in Key Stages 1 and 2, you are expected to prioritise identifying gaps and re-establishing good progress in the essentials (phonics and reading, increasing vocabulary, writing and mathematics), identifying opportunities across the curriculum so they read widely, and developing their knowledge and vocabulary. You should ensure your curriculum offer remains broad, so that the majority of pupils are taught a full range of subjects over the year.

Remote learning

If your child is required to self-isolate or there is a bubble closure etc. remote learning via Google classroom will resume.

If you borrowed a chromebook/laptop during lockdown, please return it on the 8th March. If you need to isolate or a class bubble closes you will be more than welcome to loan one again.

If you have any more questions, please do let me know-I am bound to have missed something!

We all cannot wait to begin this journey back to some kind of normality (we hope!) Well done and thank you to you all for being an amazing school community!

Kind Regards

Miss Scott