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UNCRC Article 28 - Children's right to learn and go to school.

UNCRC Article 29 – Children have the right to become the best that they can be.

Belmont Parent Charter Articles 14 and 30 - I will help my child to develop respect and understanding of their own and others beliefs, religions and languages.

Belmont Parent Charter Articles 28 and 29 - I will ensure my child comes to school on time every day and support them with their home learning so that they can access their education to the full.

September Opening 2020 – Year 1 to Year 6 pupils

Dear Parents/Carers,

It was lovely seeing many of you attend the Parents morning yesterday. We would like to thank you for your ongoing support during these challenging times. We understand how difficult it has been for many of you and appreciate that you understand that the school has done its very best in the circumstances.

From September the school will re-open for all children. We aim to make the necessary changes whilst minimising the impact on routines and maximising the learning opportunities for all our children.

We recognise that, whatever we must put in place, may have an impact on our children's families, and we have consciously tried to consider them in these decisions. Things cannot be as they once were and we must be very clear regarding our expectations of the children, their families and ourselves.

The things that we believe work well for our school will remain, if slightly adapted, whilst other things that do not have a positive impact on the safety, wellbeing and development of our children will be altered. Our vision, mission, ethos and values remain the same. They underpin our world view and approach to education, in every context.

To induct your children back into school and to ensure that we have all Parent contracts signed with updated contact information, the first days will be shorter days and not all pupils will be returning on the same day. **Children will only be allowed to attend school if we have your completed Parent contract sheets. Please check the table below and ensure that your child attends the correct session:**

	Thursday 3 rd September	Friday 4 th September
Year 1 and Year 2	Not in school	10am to 2pm
Year 3 and Year 4	11am to 3.05pm	8.40am to 3.05pm
Year 5 and Year 6	8.30am to 12pm	8.30am to 2.55pm



New Timings and One-Way System

From **Monday 7th September, pupils from Year 1 to Year 6 will be staggered** to maximise social distancing and increase protective measures as outlined in the school's risk assessment and Government guidance.

Entry to school will be as normal, through the main walkway and gate. All parents and pupils must follow the one-way system around the car park and exit will be through the vehicle access gate.

Parents will only be allowed to drop off and collect pupils to the teachers at the allocated times set below. If you have children in other year groups, they will only be allowed in school at the correct times - No parents will be allowed to wait on the school site.

Parents must wait outside the main school gates between drop offs and ensure that they are following social distancing measures and staying at least 1 metre plus apart. When walking around the one-way system, we expect parents to maintain the 2 metre distance and follow the floor markings.

The staggered start and finish times from Monday 7th September are as follows:

	Start Time:	Finish Time	Drop off and collection point:
Year 6	8.30am	2.55pm	Vehicle access next to car park
Year 5	8.30am	2.55pm	Pupil gate next to Reception
Year 4	8.40am	3.05pm	Vehicle access next to car park
Year 3	8.40am	3.05pm	Pupil gate next to Reception
Year 2	8.50am	3.15pm	Vehicle access next to car park
Year 1	8.50am	3.15pm	Reception playground

A member of the Senior Leadership Team will be on duty to help make sure this runs smoothly and it very important that you leave the school site as soon as you have your child for us to provide a safe environment for all.

The government have informed us that all children should be attending school. We will not be able to give authorised absences for your child being anxious about the virus. If your child is worried it would be very useful if you could begin to prepare them by reassuring them that there is very low probability of a child being badly affected by Covid-19.

Further information and general reminders

Children must come to school wearing full school uniform. Trainers may be worn.

No parents may come into building without an appointment. All communication must be by email or telephone. We must maintaining social distancing and strict timings.

We must still minimise the sharing of equipment and resources. Therefore, all of the children will be provided with a personal set of stationary. The only items allowed between home and school are:

- Coats
- Reading books
- Packed lunches
- Musical instruments for peripatetic lessons

On PE days, your child will come to school wearing their white t-shirt and black shorts. As it is becoming colder, you need to ensure that you child wears a school sweatshirt and black or grey jogging bottoms over the t-shirt and shorts.

Homework will be set online via Microsoft My Teams from now on, to minimise the movement of resources between home and school.

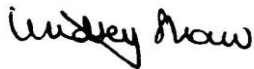
Breakfast club and afterschool club will be up and running soon. More details will be shared in future letters.

Hand washing, good respiratory hygiene and regular cleaning continue to be the most effective ways to reduce the risk of virus transmission. Whilst we will be giving time to and expect all of the children to wash their hands regularly, we will begin the term with more hand sanitiser, especially in Early Years and Key Stage 1, until all are trained in thorough hand washing. This will help us establish the vital timings for routines more effectively.

As there is more information that we need to share with you, we have attached an FAQ document. Please do read it and if you have any further questions or queries, do not hesitate to contact us via email to office@belmont.harrow.sch.uk or phone on 0208 427 0903.

Once again, we would like to thank you for your support. We hope you enjoy the rest of your summer break and we look forward to welcoming you back in the September!

Yours sincerely,



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