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Dear Parents / Carers,

### SEPTEMBER 2020

In line with government instruction, the **whole school re-opening** on 9th September 2020. The information below is based on government and local authority guidance.

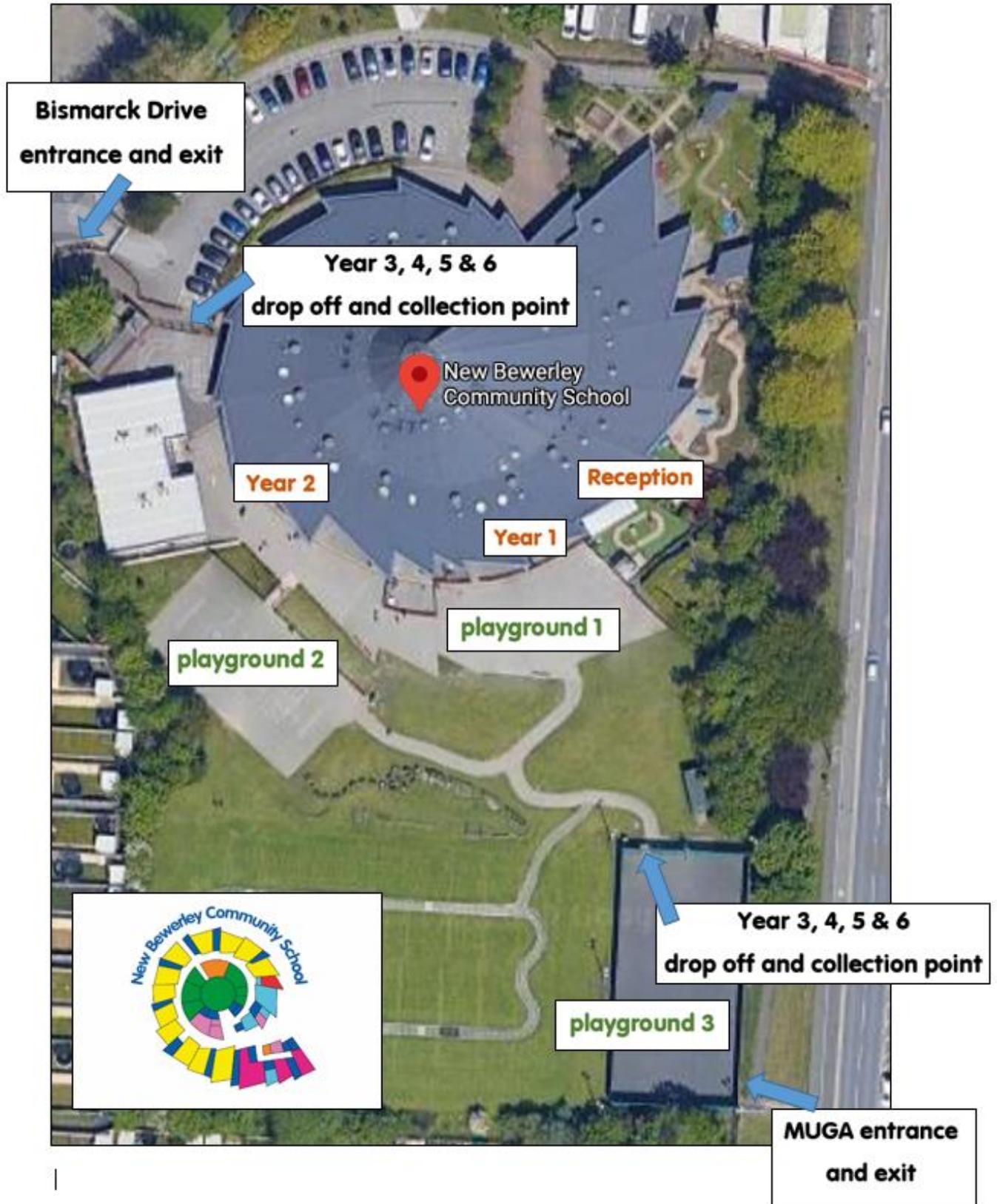
On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2020, all children should return to school. (New Reception children will have slightly different start days and times – please see your separate letter)

#### Each year group will have staggered start and finish times:

- Year 1 and Year 4 should arrive at 8:30am and school finishes at 2:45pm.
- Year 2 and Year 5 should arrive at 8:45am and school finishes at 3pm.
- Reception, Year 3 and Year 6 should arrive at 9:00am and school finishes at 3:15pm.
  
- Parents/carers should drop off and collect through their closest school entrance. This may be the main entrance on Bismarck Drive or the MUGA entrance on Dewsbury Road, next to Dewsbury Road library. See site map below
- Parents from Year 3 to Year 6 should drop their child off at the entrance rather than coming on to the playground.
- Children should be brought by no more than 1 adult.
- Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents should not congregate on the playground – as soon as your child is lined up outside their classroom, you should leave the playground.
- At home-time children in R, 1 & 2 can be collected from their classroom. Staff will escort children in years 3, 4, 5&6 to your preferred gate. This will be very different for pupils so your support during this time is needed.
- Parents / carers **MUST** follow social distancing guidelines and drop-off/collection timings. This is to ensure the safety of all children and adults.
- We know that families may have children in several year groups. If so, you may wish to drop all your children off at the earliest start time for one of your children and collect them at the latest collection time for your other child. For example, if you have children in 2 and 6 bring them at 8.45 and collect them at 3.15pm.
- Parents/carers should not enter the building unless by prior appointment. Please continue to contact us via telephone or email.



# Site Map for September 2020



## Measures school will take to prevent the spreading of germs and viruses

- Children will be taught in year group 'bubbles' – a maximum of 60 children. Desks will be set up in rows, where appropriate for the age of the children, and all facing in the same direction. Reception and Year 1 will also have communal areas to support their learning.
- Staffing within these bubbles will be set so that children only have contact with a limited number of staff throughout the week.
- If your child accesses the Rainbow Room, Base, Before and After School Club or Lunchtime Club they will be a member of more than one bubble.
- Each bubble has a set of toilets.
- Breakfast Club (8:00am-9:00am) and Teatime Club (2:45-5pm) will continue to run for children who have been allocated a place. Social distancing guidelines will be in place for those children who attend. Children should be brought and collected from the school office – Parents must not enter the building. Guidance states that parents and carers should not use, where possible, other child care providers, e.g. wrap-around care. If you do choose to use other providers you must make sure that they are following government guidance and adhering to social distancing practices.
- There will be two separate playtimes and lunchtimes and each 'bubble' will have a separate area of the playground.
- Children will receive their lunches in the classroom instead of the school hall. Meals will include a hot meal option such as potato wedges, pizza, veggie hot dogs etc. Children can continue to bring their own packed lunch if they prefer.
- Children should not bring any equipment from home with them except for their book bag and lunch box. School will provide your child with a stationery pack in school.
- Very regular hand washing, sanitising and excellent hygiene will be encouraged all day.
- Current guidance states that primary aged children do not need to wear face coverings. If you choose to send your child to school with a face covering, your child will be responsible for keeping it safe and placing it on and off their face.
- Classroom resources, such as PE equipment, will remain in 'bubbles' and be sanitised after use.
- Reading books will continue to be sent home although they will be subject to 72 hours quarantine before being re-issued.
- Wherever possible, homework will be set using our online app 'Seesaw'.
- Children should return to wearing full school uniform (clean uniform each day is preferred). On PE days, children should come to school wearing their PE kits.
- Large gatherings, such as assemblies, will not take place.
- For adults, social distancing guidelines will be followed, at all times, in school.
- If any a parent/carer or pupil, show symptoms of Covid-19 (new and continuous cough, high temperature or a loss of taste/smell) school should be informed immediately and a test booked.
- If children show Covid-19 symptoms whilst in school, parents/carers will need to collect them as soon as possible.

Please can parents and carers let us know if your child's medical requirements or personal information (address, telephone number, etc) have changed since March. It is important that our records are up-to-date. Parents and carers will also be asked to sign an updated version of the school's Home/School agreement. This needs to be returned to school as soon as possible.



If you have any questions/worries or concerns about the information in this letter, please email the office at [secretary@newbewerley.org.uk](mailto:secretary@newbewerley.org.uk) and we will get back to you as soon as we can. Furthermore, the DfE has produced a guidance document for parents about the reopening of schools. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

As I'm sure you can appreciate, planning in these uncertain times is extremely difficult. Guidelines and scientific advice changes regularly but the New Bewerley team are committed to supporting our children and families however we can. We really appreciate your patience.

Thank you for your continued support.

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