

Dear Parents and Carers

I wanted to reach out to you all, to offer you some reassurance that we are doing everything we can to keep your children safe and well at school. We regularly review and update our risk assessment based on up to date guidance from the government and from RBK Health and Safety.

Our current measures to keep your children safe are as follows:

Class bubbles

- Children do not mix with other classes:
- Playground is zoned – classes are allocated zones so that they do not mix with other classes at playtimes
- Play equipment is allocated to each class – no sharing of resources
- Allocated lunchtime staff for each class

Year group bubbles

- Children eat in the hall with own year group – sitting at tables in their classes, not mixing with other classes
- Year groups are allocated separate play times and lunch times

Increased cleaning

- High use surfaces cleaned 3 times a day – door handles, light switches, taps, flush etc
- Lunch tables, chairs, toilets, taps cleaned between each lunch sitting
- Additional cleaning of toilets – middle of the day
- All computers, screens, keyboards etc wiped down and sanitised after use
- Anti-bac spray for keyboards
- Children wash/sanitise hands throughout the day – at drop off, a.m. playtime, lunchtime, p.m. playtime
- Staff sanitise hands before entering school building and regularly throughout the day
- Classroom staff wipe down surfaces throughout the day
- Toys and resources washed daily – including in Acorns

Social distancing

- Limited numbers in group rooms/staff room/other communal areas
- Staggered lunch times/break times for staff and children
- No PE lessons in halls – PE lessons are all delivered outside
- Only essential visitors in school – parents asked to only come to the office if essential, e.g. to drop off medication. All other correspondence to be done by phone/email
- All visitors must wear masks
- Staggered drop off and collection times and areas
- All adults must wear masks at all times during drop off and collection
- One way system around the school site – avoid crossing paths
- No whole school/year group assemblies in the hall
- No class trips

Ventilation

- Windows and doors open in all classrooms, halls, group rooms, staff room
- Children access additional afternoon playtime (fresh air)
- Staff encouraged to eat outdoors whenever possible

How you can help Burlington Infants stay open...

- Please avoid having play dates unless it is outdoors and with no more than 6 people
- Please avoid having any parties
- Please adhere to the social distancing rules set by the government – this now requires that you do not mix with anyone outside of your household indoors for social reasons. Avoid coming into close contact with anyone outside of your household.
- Please let us know if your child or anyone in your household has symptoms of COVID-19 – you must get them tested straight away and the whole household must shield for 14 days or until the test result has come back and it is negative
- If your child or any one in your household has been tested positive with COVID-19, you must tell us straight away, even if you are already self-isolating due to your bubble closing. All members of your household must then isolate for 14 days.
- If your child's class bubble has been told to self-isolate, please ensure you keep your child at home for 14 days regardless of whether they are showing symptoms. They are not allowed to leave the house.
- Wear a face covering at all times when accessing the school site at drop off and collection. We appreciate that there are some people who are exempt from wearing a mask, but for your own safety, if you are able, we would encourage you to wear a face covering. Visors are easier to wear if you are happy to wear one. We have managed to give out some to parents who are exempt to ensure that they are protected too. Please speak to us at drop off and collection times if you have been unable to get hold of one, we may be able to help you.

I hope that this gives you some assurance that there are measures in place and we are doing everything we can to help prevent the spread of the virus within school. We would greatly appreciate your support in adhering to our rules around the school site and by following government guidelines on social distancing and contact when outside of school.

If you have any questions, please do come and speak to me or any member of the senior leadership team who are always outside on duty at drop off and collection times.

Best wishes

Mrs S Yay-Walker
Headteacher