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Dear Parent/ carer,

I hope this letter finds you and your families all well during this continued period of lockdown.

Everyone should have, by now, received the letter from the Trust outlining the process that both schools are going to follow whilst in the reopening phase of schools and a phone call from school. We understand that this is a very difficult time for families and I would just like to outline how school will look after your children upon their return, so you can make an informed decision.

We intend for Year 6 to return to school the week beginning **June 22nd**. We have already welcomed back Nursery, Reception and Year 1. Please read the information below carefully.

Monday 22nd - we will welcome Year 6 children back to school. They will be put into a group (their social bubble) and have staggered entrance times between 8:45am - 9:05am. Their day will finish between 2:45pm and 3:05pm.

Please inform school as soon as possible and **no later than Tuesday 16th June 12:00pm** if you wish for your child to return to school. This can be done by telephone to the school office or email to ehpa@balmorallearningtrust.co.uk. Please inform us even if you have already done so previously and we will update lists to ensure no one is missed.

Once groups are formed we will then keep to these groups (social bubbles) for the next four weeks. The group size will range from 8 - 11 children depending on the room they are using. The next opportunity for your child to return to school will be Monday 29th June if they have not already returned on Monday 22nd.

Children must not bring anything to school other than a summer coat if needed, sun hat and their own water bottle. **Suncream will need to be applied before coming to school.** We will provide all equipment that the children need and this will stay in their bubble and not be shared with others.

Children will need to wear their school top and school jumper and then can wear school shorts/ jogging bottoms and trainers. The shorts and jogging bottoms do need to be blue/ grey or black or children can wear their uniform if they wish to.

Children will receive their usual school lunch. We have worked closely with the kitchen and will be providing either a hot or cold lunch. This will be in a bag and disposable containers and will be very easy for the children to eat so no one has to help children cut their food. The children will not queue or be served. We will try to allow the children to eat in the school hall and this will be thoroughly cleaned between sittings. However, it is more likely year 6 will eat in their classroom or outside if the weather is nice.



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We are operating a one way entry and exit system into school for all parents; this is to ensure safety for all and we kindly ask that everyone follows this carefully.

Please **enter school by the pedestrian gate on Balmoral Terrace** and go straight onto the KS2 yard. Your child's group leader will be there to collect your child at the specified time and they will enter the building once all children have arrived. Children will wash hands upon entry to school and this will be reinforced throughout the day many times.

It will take a bit of getting used to but I know we will all work together to ensure that this happens. Please do not try to talk to staff and any queries or concerns can be met in the same way whilst we have been partially closed through class emails and by telephoning the office for urgent matters.

If your child normally comes to and from school on their own and we have this recorded in school then they are welcome to continue this. However, I must stress that children cannot walk to school in big groups and they need to be socially distanced at all times. If they come in a big group I will have to ring parents and ask them to be picked up. If you are dropping your child off at school you can either drop them at the main gate and walk around a small one way system and exit via the car park gate or alternatively leave them at the main gate.

The school office **will be closed to parents** and all queries need to be telephoned or emailed into school until further notice. Home learning packs will still be available and these can be picked up either outside the main office or inside the porch. We ask that parents do this between the hours of 10:00am and 2:00pm to ensure we have less people on site at the busier times.

School **will be closed on a Friday for most children** and only be open to key workers on a Friday: this will allow staff to plan for home learning and catch up with families who have chosen to stay at home. Teachers may not be able to email or reply as regularly once we are back at school as they will all have their own groups in school all day.

Our curriculum will be geared to the groups of children we have in school and will ensure that children have a chance to share their experiences whilst also remembering school routines but ultimately ensuring the children are happy and safe in school. We will also work on their transition to secondary school and reflect upon their time in primary school.

I hope I have answered some of your many questions and look forward to seeing you. I will post some pictures next week on facebook to allow you and your child to see what school looks like to ensure a smooth transition.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Hair