

Belton C of E Primary School

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Next term

Dear Parents / Carers,

As we approach the end of the school year, I firstly want to send a sincere thank-you to you and all the pupils and staff. The past few months have been the biggest challenge we've ever faced in education, indeed the biggest challenge in all walks of life, and your support of the work our school is doing is very much appreciated. Not the year I expected as the new headteacher of Belton!

Guidance relating to next term was issued yesterday by the Department for Education and I am pleased to say we will be welcoming all pupils back next term.

As I am sure you can appreciate, I want to get everything right for next term but, with schools officially finishing next Friday in Leicestershire and the obvious lack of time for organisation, it is impossible for me to inform parents in depth what Belton will look like from the start of next term. There is an immense amount of work, risk assessing and planning I now need to do and I have to work through the guidance very carefully to ensure we keep everyone as safe as possible from the start of next term. However, that looking at the guidance many things will remain how we have been currently working since the partial return to school on June 1st.

Things I already know:

- **The Government has said attendance will become compulsory again. I want to work with any parent who is feeling particularly anxious about next September (I know we all are but if anyone feels they need extra support PLEASE get in touch with me even if it is over the holidays)**
- **We will return to 5 days a week at school**
- **Schools have been given the flexibility in light of the current situation to add inset days to the beginning of term. This is largely due to how early we go back to school compared to the rest of the country and I believe final decision making from the government will not take place until the end of the summer. I have NOT made the decision whether we will do this or not. However, I will let you know as soon as I decide before the end of next week.**
- **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.**
- **Rucksacks are not allowed in school- book bags and drawstring PE bags only please. They 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**
- **No hot dinners, school dinners will be school packed lunches as they are currently and children will eat in their classrooms. I will review this at October half term.**
- **No overnight stays are allowed therefore sadly Mount Cook won't happen in the Autumn term. It is unknown whether we can rearrange it for later on in the year (I really hope we can)**

- We will be able to resume Breakfast Club. However, I have revised the cost of breakfast club. The new costs will be £3.50 per session, £ 6.00 for 2 siblings, £15 for 5 days. This is in line with other local schools.
- The guidance asks me to advise you to limit the number of different wraparound providers you access, as far as possible. Where you use childcare providers or out of school activities for your children I encourage you to seek assurance from them that the providers are carefully considering their own protective measures and they can demonstrate this. As with physical activity during the school day, contact sports should not take place (Taken directly from guidance)
- Staggered starts and ends of the day, with the one-way system around school will remain.

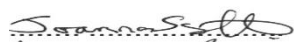
	Start time	End time
Tigers	8.45am	3.10pm
Owls	8.45am	3.10pm
Lions	8.35am	3.00pm
Sea Otters	8.25am	2.50pm

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

I will issue further information when decisions have been made, this may be during the holidays so please keep an eye out

As always, thank you for your continued fantastic support.

Yours sincerely,



Miss J Scott
Headteacher