

# COOMB BRIGGS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Welcome back to the start of a new school year!

I would to say a special welcome to all of the new families starting at our school this term, whether they are in Reception class or higher up in the school. We hope you have a fantastic time with us.

This term and possibly this whole school year is likely to be very different. As a school we have worked hard to ensure that all the recommendations made by Government and the local authority are in place to keep not only your children safe, but all of our staff and you as parents safe too.

Please bear with us if things do not always go quite to plan – it is a ‘new unknown’ for us all.

I intend to keep everything under constant review so for example, if, at hometime we get into a swift routine, we can maybe push collection times back to nearer the usual time. However, this will involve everyone working together to ensure things run smoothly. In view of this, please do not arrive before your allotted time to drop off or pick up children, we have a timetable in school which we are working to and if you arrive early, you may be waiting at the gates for a while to collect your children. The whole reasoning behind the Government asking us to stagger times is to stop too many people waiting at school gates and thus avoid large groups. If you do arrive early, please wait away from the gates until it is your time. We cannot call individual children out from classes. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

A reminder that lunchtimes have been shortened to 40 minutes and there are no assemblies. This is to make up for some of the lost learning time due to the staggered arrival and pick up times.

Children will also go straight into their classes instead of lining up on the playground so that they can start activities and learning straight away.



You will have had a text notifying you of the days for P.E., please ensure that your children come to school in their P.E. kit as we are not able to let them get changed in school at the minute.

At this time of year we usually hold a Macmillan Coffee morning. Due to the current situation regarding Covid-19 I am sure that you will understand we are unable to hold one however, we will still be hosting some kind of event in school to raise money for this worthy cause. More details to follow shortly.



Finally, I would like to say thank you to all of our staff here who ensured that the start to the new school year yesterday was enjoyable yet calm for all of the children. Everyone came into school with a smile on their face and eager to get back into the routine of learning and being with friends – well done to everyone!

As always, if you have any concerns or queries please do not hesitate to contact me and I will do my best to sort it out. After all, if there is an issue and we don't know about, we can't help to make things better.

Your truly,  
Mrs Helen Redmond  
Headteacher

