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<b>Re-opening Plans</b>																
<p>1. Will you be open fully (for the named/class groups) from 1<sup>st</sup> June?</p>	<p>No. We will be opening in a phased manner. Week beginning Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June will be staff training and preparing the site.</p> <p><b>Phase 1</b> will start on <b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June</b> – see timetable below.</p> <p>During this period we will be open for these groups Monday – Thursday. Friday will be used for teachers preparation time, staff training and cleaning.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="1032 767 2136 1219"> <tbody> <tr> <td><b>Monday 8th</b></td> <td>Keyworker children (those already in school)</td> <td>Year 1 class – 15 pupils</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Tuesday 9th</b></td> <td>Keyworker children (those already in school)</td> <td>Year 1 class – 15 pupils</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Wednesday 10th</b></td> <td>Keyworker children (those already in school)</td> <td>Year 1 class – 15 pupils Reception class – 15 pupils</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Thursday 11th</b></td> <td>Keyworker children (those already in school)</td> <td>Year 1 class – 15 pupils Reception class – 15 pupils Nursery class – 15 pupils (morning only)</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Friday 12th</b></td> <td>Keyworker children (those already in school)</td> <td>No Year Nursery, Reception or Year 1 children</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<b>Monday 8th</b>	Keyworker children (those already in school)	Year 1 class – 15 pupils	<b>Tuesday 9th</b>	Keyworker children (those already in school)	Year 1 class – 15 pupils	<b>Wednesday 10th</b>	Keyworker children (those already in school)	Year 1 class – 15 pupils Reception class – 15 pupils	<b>Thursday 11th</b>	Keyworker children (those already in school)	Year 1 class – 15 pupils Reception class – 15 pupils Nursery class – 15 pupils (morning only)	<b>Friday 12th</b>	Keyworker children (those already in school)	No Year Nursery, Reception or Year 1 children
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Rooms and Staffing						
	Staff	Support Team	Rooms	Start	Finish	
Nursery	BG, KS	SH	Nursery	9:15	3:00	
Reception 1	SC, GS	RN	RC	9:10	3:05	
Reception 2	CM, KF	RN	RA	9:05	3:05	
Year 1	SOS, JF	LT	SOS	8:55	3:10	
Key Worker/Vulnerable – KS1	HD, JK, BT	KC	3RD	8:45	3:15	
Key Worker/Vulnerable – Year 3	HK, NS	GM	3H	8:50	3:20	
Key Worker/Vulnerable – Year 4	AS, SS, RS	WB/JA	4S	8:50	3:25	
Key Worker/Vulnerable – Year 5	HM,CC	RM & ST	5OB	8:40	3:25	
Key Worker/Vulnerable – Year 6	RG, LP	SB	6G	8:40	3:25	
2. When do you plan to fully open for the named groups? What will it look like?	We are not setting a specific date for the Phase 2. We need to see how the first few weeks go and take feedback from staff and parents.					



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	For children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6, when we are fully open, children will be in ‘bubbles’ of no more than 15. There will be a teacher, and a teaching assistant. The ‘bubble’ will stay together for the rest of the school year. Each bubble will learn together, play together and have lunch together. As much as possible, the children in the bubble will not mix with anyone else. Each bubble will have a zone of the playground, or field, to play in.
3. I am a Key Worker, and my child has been coming to school since the lockdown. Do I need to do anything?	If your child has been coming to school since the lockdown started, you do not need to do anything. Your place is secure. We have sent you a separate letter explaining what you need to do. If your child is in Nursery, Reception or Year 1 you can choose whether your child goes into their year group for 4 days a week (Mon-Thurs) or stays with the Key Worker group. This facility is open for 5 days a week (Mon – Fri). You will need to choose which one your child will join so that we ensure they remain in their own bubble.
4. I am a Key Worker, but my child has not been coming to school during the lockdown. Can they start to come to school?	Please email us and explain your situation. You will need to provide evidence from your employer and show that there is no one at home who can look after your child.
5. I am a Key Worker, but have been furloughed. Can I bring my child to school?	If your child is in one of the named year groups. – yes. If they are not, then no. If you are at home, your child should stay at home with you.
6. My child has an Education, Health Care Plan (EHCP). Can they come to school?	Please contact us and we will discuss this on a 1:1 basis. We will need to do a risk assessment to ensure it is safe for your child to attend
7. I am a Key Worker, but only work part time. Can my child come to school full time?	Only if they are in one of the named year groups (Nursery, Reception, Y1, Y6). While we are open, we still want to minimise the number of children on site. If you only work part time, we would expect you to take your child home when you are not working.
8. My child is in Y6. When can they start? Why can't you start with Y6 as it is important for their transition into Y7?	At the moment we do not know when we can start them. The government's priority is to start with children in the early years. We will see how Phase 1 works and also what the demand for extra spaces for Key Worker children is likely to be.
9. Can I just come to school then on Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June?	No. You can only come to school if you have received a ‘permission letter’ and your child will then be on the register.



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10. What options do I have if only one or two of my children can attend school but the others cannot, especially if work is insisting I return and I need to be onsite?	Unfortunately, we can not accept siblings from other year groups. If you fall into the Key Worker category then we can assess this on a case by case basis.
11. Can my child come to school on an Ad-Hoc basis?	No. The expectation is that if you have a place, your child should come to school for the whole day, Monday – Thursday.
12. Do I have to send my child to school if they are in one of the named year groups from 8 <sup>th</sup> June? What are the consequences of deciding to keep them at home longer? (not medical vulnerable groups)	This will be voluntary. You do not have to send your child in and there will be no consequences for non-attendance –fines will <b>not</b> be issued.
13. How will I know if my child has a place and can come to school?	We will send you a ‘permission letter’ to come to school. Your child must be on the register.
<b>Safety (Social Distancing, PPE)</b>	
14. How will social distancing work? How will children be kept apart? Will my child be able to interact with other children in their bubble?	<p>While we will remind children about the social distance rules and have signs around the school, we know that young children will not be able to do this. We will endeavour to keep children apart by spacing tables and furniture appropriately. By staying in their ‘bubble’, the DfE believe this will minimise risk.</p> <p>We will have signs outside and in the corridors reminding children about keeping 2m distance. We will constantly be talking and reminding children of the rules.</p> <p>When children are in their bubble they will still be able to talk to other children. Although sometimes they will be sat at a desk on their own, there will still be interaction throughout the day. In Nursery, children will still be able to work at different ‘stations’ and we will only allow a very small number at each area. This is a good opportunity for children to interact.</p>
15. Will my child be encouraged to wash their hands?	Yes. Children will wash their hands regularly throughout the day. They will wash them when they come into the building, especially after playing outside, after they have been to the toilet, before eating and at regular intervals during the day.
16. Will school staff wear PPE equipment?	No.



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	<p>Each class will have its own set of PPE equipment for staff if they need to intimately care (change) a child, or administer more than basic First Aid.</p> <p>We do have a head gun thermometer that is available if needed.</p>
17. Can my child wear a face mask?	No. The Government guidance says that we do not need to wear face masks.
18. Will you be taking the children and staff temperature regularly?	No. The Government guidance says this is not needed.
19. How often will you be cleaning?	<p>We plan to have a small ‘support team’ of staff who will go into classrooms regularly throughout the day to wipe down tables, empty bins and clean resources.</p> <p>Our cleaning team will also clean each room at the end of the day and staff will clean classrooms and resources every Friday.</p>
20. What happens if my child is unwell? Should I bring them to school?	No. Please only send your child to school if they are fit and healthy.
21. What happens if my child becomes unwell during the day?	If your child becomes ill during the day, we will isolate them in a room and call the parent to take them home. If they show signs of COVID19 we will ask you to get them tested.
22. What happens if they contract COVID19 virus?	If they are tested positive for COVID19 the whole bubble will need to self-isolate and be tested if they show signs of COVID-19.
23. Will staff be able to comfort children if they are upset, unsettled or hurt themselves?	It will be very difficult to comfort a child if they are upset and retain social distancing.
24. How will you administer first aid?	We will administer first aid. In the first instances, we will ask the child to wipe their own cut or bruise and administer the plasters. If needed, staff will have PPE equipment and administer it.
25. How can you keep 5 and 6 year-old children apart and safe?	We can't completely. We will be providing each class with posters and signs and we will be constantly reminding children of the 2m rule. Each class will have a “cleaning pack” which will include wipes and hand sanitizer. Children will have regular hand washing schedules using soap and running water.
<b>Learning and well-being</b>	



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<p>26. Will my child be guaranteed their class teacher?</p>	<p>We cannot guarantee your child will have their class teacher. We have to split each class into two groups of 15 and therefore they may have to have a different teacher.</p>
<p>27. Will my child fall behind in their learning?</p>	<p>All children are in the same situation. When school finally returns to some level of normality, teachers will assess children and plan work to support them, filling any gaps in their learning. I believe that we have to look at learning in a completely different way as starting points in September will now be very different. It will be up to teachers to support children in their learning when we all return to school.</p>
<p>28. Will children have access to the 'full' curriculum?</p>	<p>No. The children will continue with the provision they have been having during the lockdown. We will provide English and Maths activities, alongside a school-wide theme. The main focus will be their mental and emotional well-being and then academic learning. We want children to enjoy their learning and also recognise that this is an extremely difficult situation for many parents. During this period we will also teach children about personal hygiene and viruses using resources such as e-bug.</p>
<p>29. My child is becoming anxious. What help is available?</p>	<p><b>In School</b> If your child is in school the class teacher is more than likely able to manage any worries or anxieties your child will have. If needed our play therapist is also available.</p> <p><b>At Home</b> If you are having any difficulties or concerns about your child, please contact us.</p>
<p>30. Can my child bring in a cuddly toy?</p>	<p>Please do not give your child a cuddly toy to bring in. As much as possible we want to minimise items that could carry the virus. The classroom will have some toys and play equipment that we will keep clean.</p>
<p><b>Curriculum and Learning (in school)</b></p>	



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<p>31. What will the lessons look like if toys that are hard to clean are taken away?</p>	<p>There will be a considerable reduction in toys. Only toys that are easily washed will be available for children. We will not use things like Playdough at this time. We will limit the amount of books being used and books will not be marked. Staff will wipe books and wash their hand after touching them.</p>
<p>32. How will the classrooms be set out?</p>	<p>Tables will be separated and a child will work at their own table. In EYFS there will be a reduction of resources and there will be learning zones that will only allow a limited number of children at one time.</p>
<p>33. Will the library be open?</p>	<p>Unlikely. The current DfE guidance says all staff should wipe down books and wash their hands after touching any book.</p>
<p><b>In school routines</b></p>	
<p>34. What will break times look like?</p>	<p>Break times will be taken on a rotation basis so that only a few classes are outside at any one time. Each group will have an allocated 'zone' – either on the lower playground, top playground or field. We will try to minimise any crossover with other groups of children.</p>
<p>35. Will my child need to wear uniform?</p>	<p>Yes. All children from the 8<sup>th</sup> June will need to wear their school uniform.  There is some second hand uniform available if parents are worried about buying new uniform.</p>
<p>36. How will lunches work?</p>	<p>The first week (w/b 8<sup>th</sup> June) children will need to bring in a packed lunch. The kitchen will be open from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June. We have not yet confirmed the menu. Parents must order online for their child at home by midnight the day before and pay online. Lunches will be delivered to the children in the classrooms. No cash will be accepted in school. Children in Reception and Year 1 will continue to receive free meals under the Infant Universal Free School Meals (IUFSM) provision.</p>
<p><b>Curriculum and Learning (at home)</b></p>	
<p>37. What will the provision be for the children who remain at home?</p>	<p>We will continue to provide home learning packs. We will be continuing with what we are currently providing, however it is likely we will adapt this to ensure that those year groups that are in school are doing comparable work with children that remain at home.</p>



38. Will the children being home schooled be in line with the children at school?	Yes, please see response to question 5.
<b>Dropping off and collecting Arrangements</b>	
39. I'm concerned over drop off and pick up, how it would work for the adults staying apart, face masks etc.	You will be given a specific time to drop and collect your child. We will also have markers in the playground and posters around the school to remind children and parents of social distance guidelines. There will be staggered start and end times to reduce the number of people on site. No parents will be allowed into the classrooms, or other areas of the building. Only one parent will be allowed into the office area at a time. Children will wash their hands after entering the building. All children can only have 1 parent to bring them to school and to pick them up. ONLY 1 parent per child. We will create a one-way system. Parent/children coming in via the main gate and leaving through the Y6 gate.
<b>Others Practicalities</b>	
40. When the school re-opens for Nursery, Reception, Y1 and Y6, will we still receive the school food vouchers or will it go back to picking pack lunches up?	Yes we will still provide vouchers, unless we receive any further DFE advice
41. I usually volunteer in school. Can I come into school?	Unfortunately no. During this period we will not have any volunteers or workshops in school.
42. Will year 6 have a leavers party/disco or leavers assembly?	At the moment, it is unlikely. We would love to acknowledge the children leaving – but need to think about this carefully over the next month. We will provide work relating to transition.
43. Where can I send any feedback or suggestion	Please contact the school office if you have any feedback or suggestions. <a href="mailto:secretary@birchhillprimaryschool.co.uk">secretary@birchhillprimaryschool.co.uk</a>

Further advice from the Department of Education

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june>