



3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

**We are looking forward to welcoming ALL children back into school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021.**

A reminder of the additional safety arrangements we have in place are as follows:

- School is compulsory so you are required to bring your children to school each day, unless your child has an underlying health issue. If your child is not attending due to health reasons, please contact the school office.
- **Please can all parents/carers wear face coverings on the school site.** (Staff will be wearing one too.)
- Only school book bags should be brought into school as these can be stored under childrens' chairs (no rucksacks)
- Packed lunches be brought in a small lunch bag/box – these will be stored under their chair
- Before children enter the building they will have their hands sprayed with our 'magic water' (Stabilized Aqueous Ozone)
- Children will hang coats on the back of chairs in their classrooms
- All desks will face towards the front of the classroom
- Each class of children will be a 'bubble'
- Small groups for Phonics, maths groups or Y6 intervention will take place, but children will only sit with children from the same class
- Lunch break will be staggered to allow children choosing a school dinner to eat in the dining room
- Children will have their own pencil case with their own equipment
- Children will eat and have playtime with the children in their bubble
- Regular hand washing will take place
- Classrooms will be cleaned several times per day
- Door handles, toilets and hand rails will be cleaned regularly throughout the day
- Breakfast club will be open for working parents. If you are a working parent and need a place at breakfast club, please contact the school office
- After school clubs will not be taking place for this term. If you are a working parent and this causes an issue, please contact the school office
- Children do not need to wear masks. Staff will wear a mask around the school building. Staff will wear masks and gloves when administering first aid.
- As classroom windows need to be open for ventilation, children may want to wear a vest or t-shirt under their uniform.
- Children must wear school uniform. If you have uniform that your child has grown out of, please consider donating it to us and drop it off at the hub. If you have any concerns about uniform, please contact the school office.
- Children should come to school in their PE kit on the day that they have PE. Reminder texts will be sent next week to remind parents/carers which day each class has PE.

**PLEASE DO NOT BRING CHILDREN INTO SCHOOL IF THEY OR SOMEONE IN THE HOUSE HAS A HIGH TEMPERATURE, A COUGH OR CANNOT TASTE OR SMELL. PLEASE BOOK A COVID 19 TEST FOR ANYONE WITH SYMPTOMS AND STAY AT HOME UNTIL YOU HAVE THE RESULTS.**

*Westminster C of E Primary Academy*

*Westminster Road, Bradford, BD3 0HW*

*Email: office@westminsterschool.co.uk Tel: 01274 648490*

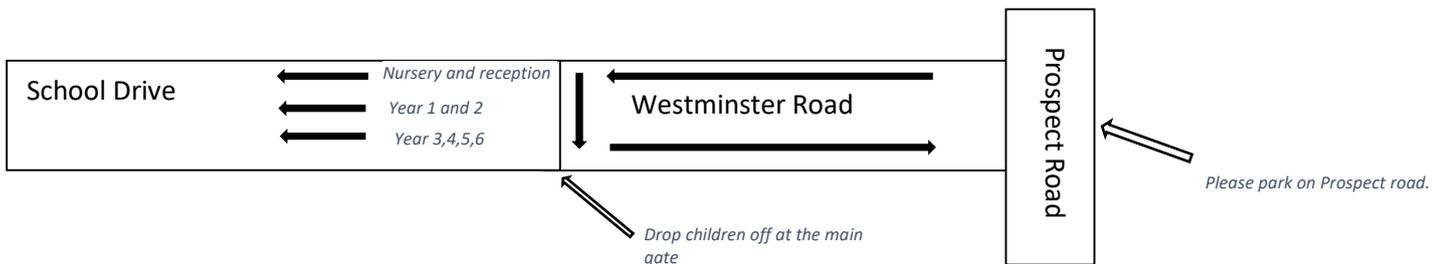
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## Drop off and collection procedures

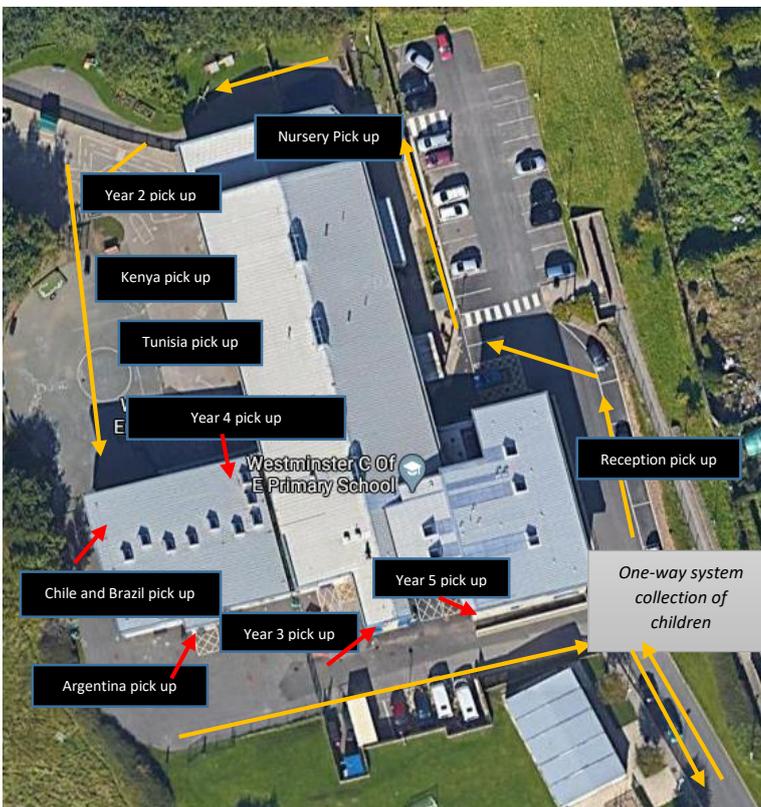
### Arrival from 8.15am

- Please park on Prospect Road and not drive down Westminster Road. This will keep all our children and parents safer.
- Please walk down the right hand side of Westminster Road and drop off children at the main gate – staff will guide you. Then walk back up the other side of the road.
- Please can adults wear a face covering and maintain 2m social distance from other parents and families. Parents must follow the social distancing guidance at all times.
- If you need to speak to a teacher, please ask the staff at the gate who can take a message.



### End of the day – Pick up from 2.40pm

- Please park on Prospect Road and walk down the right hand side of Westminster Road.
- Please do not arrive before 2.30pm when the school gates will open.
- Please can **one adult only**, come down the drive and wait on the spots that are marked out at 2m intervals. Other family members should wait outside the school site and remain 2m distance from others.
- Staff will guide parents/carers around the one-way route and parents/carers should pick up their children as they go around the building.
- Y4 picked up from main hall
- Y3 from their normal door
- Chile and Brazil from the small hall/library
- Argentina from Y6 door
- Year 5 and 6 pupils can walk home alone if we have written consent.
- Northallerton Road gate can be used to exit the school site only (parents/carers cannot enter the school site using this gate)
- **Parents/carers should wear face coverings on the school site.**



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The government have announced that households with children, including childcare and support bubbles, can get lateral flow tests for households to test themselves twice every week at home when schools return from Monday 8 March. This link provides information on who can be tested and how you can get tests.

[https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff?utm\\_source=1%20March%202021%20C19&utm\\_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm\\_campaign=DfE%20C19](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff?utm_source=1%20March%202021%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19)

This link provides information for parents and carers about children returning to school:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak?utm\\_source=back-school-campaign-aug-2020&utm\\_medium=offline&utm\\_campaign=backtoschool](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak?utm_source=back-school-campaign-aug-2020&utm_medium=offline&utm_campaign=backtoschool)

This link provides information from Bradford Council about children returning to school:

<https://westminsterschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Bradford-Council-Parent-Carer-Frequently-Asked-Questions-v3.pdf>

I know the last year and in particular the last few months, have been very challenging for everyone. If you have any concerns or information about your child's health or wellbeing, please ring the school office on 01274 648490 and ask to speak to Liz Holland. You can also email any concerns to the school office via [office@westminsterschool.co.uk](mailto:office@westminsterschool.co.uk)

This link provides information for supporting your child's mental health and wellbeing:

<https://westminsterschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Helpful-resources-for-young-peoples-mental-health.pdf>

The safety measures in place are part of our risk assessment which is available on our website if you wish to read the full document <https://westminsterschool.co.uk/coronavirus-information/>

***It is essential that we have your up to date mobile number and that you are contactable every day, so that if your child becomes ill during the day, we can ring you and you can come quickly to collect them. Please let the office staff know on 01274 648490 if your mobile number has changed.***

Staff will be at the school gate each day so if you have any questions or wish to tell us anything, please speak to a member of staff when you drop off your children.

Finally, a big thank you to all parents and carers for your cooperation with these measures to help us to keep staff, children, parents and carers safe. We look forward to your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully

Lisa Woollard  
Associate Principal