



Routines for September

General - Please see website for video of drop off and collection.

- There will be a one-way system in operation for entry and exit to the site that must be observed to protect all concerned. ENTRY to the site will be via the Trinity Road pedestrian entrance only.
- There will be no opportunity for contact between parents and teachers at the beginning and end of day and any need for communication will be via email. enquiry@coppice.bham.sch.uk
- Visitors to the site are being restricted so no early collection or late drop off can take place unless it is an emergency.
- The site will be closed to everyone between 9.15 and 3.00. Access during this time will be via the pedestrian gate next to the vehicle gate and only in an emergency.
- Children will need to wear uniform as normal.
- Children will be encouraged to have their own pencils and stationery etc so pencil cases are encouraged from year 3 upwards. These must not be shared with other pupils.
- Lunches will operate as normal – children in reception, year 1 and year 2 will receive a free school meal and all others can purchase as normal or bring sandwiches. Hot lunches will be provided as normal.
- Squirrels will be operating before and after school and the children will be kept in their year group bubbles whilst with them. See website for details.
- It is hoped that after school clubs will be able to operate but in year groups so as to allow for the bubbles to be continued.
- A CHILD MUST NOT BE SENT TO SCHOOL SHOULD THEY BE DISPLAYING ANY OF THE CORONAVIRUS SYMPTOMS
 - Persistent cough
 - Raised temperature
 - Loss of taste or smell
- WHERE A CHILD DISPLAYS SYMPTOMS IN SCHOOL, PARENTS WILL BE CONTACTED AND ASKED TO COLLECT THEIR CHILD IMMEDIATELY. You should then arrange for your child to be tested.
- Should any member of the bubble be diagnosed with the virus, all members of the bubble will be sent home and asked to isolate for 14 days.

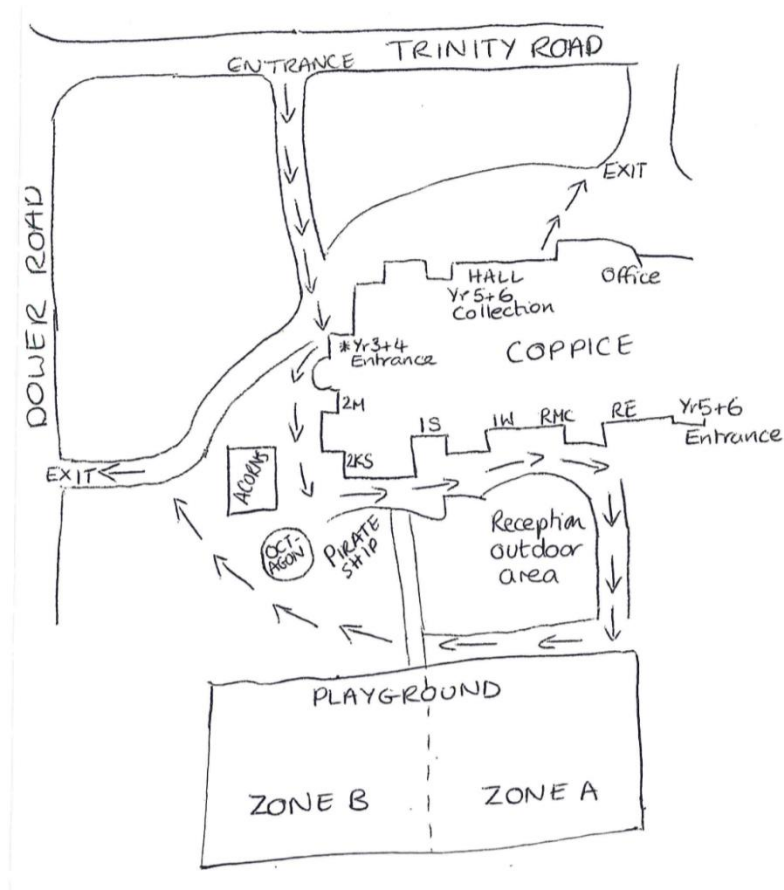
Drop Off

- RE, 1W, 2KS, year 6 and year 4 should arrive between 8.35 and 8.45.
- RM, 1S, 2M, year 5 and year 3 should arrive between 8.50 and 9.00.
- Reception, year 1 and year 2 will be dropped off at the classroom door – parents then continue along the path and round on to the playground and out through the wooden gate behind the Octagon onto Dower Road exit.
- Year 3 and year 4 will enter through the door at the bottom of the glass staircase and parents should leave them at the green gate and then exit via the Dower Road Path.
- Year 5 and year 6 will enter through the back entrance to school and parents will continue round onto the playground and out through the wooden gate behind the Octagon onto Dower Road exit.

Collection

- RE, 1W and 2KS will be collected at 3.15 from the classrooms – please wait outside the classroom whilst socially distancing.
- RM, 1S and 2M will be collected at 3.30 from the classrooms – please wait outside the classroom whilst socially distancing.
- Year 6 will be collected at 3.15 and will be dismissed from the hall doors – please wait in the car park whilst socially distancing and exit via the pedestrian gate next to the vehicle gate.
- Year 4 will be collected at 3.15 from the playground – please stand in the zone allocated to your class (4W Zone A and 4C Zone B) and the children will be delivered to you.
- Year 5 will be collected at 3.30 and will be dismissed from the hall doors – please wait in the car park whilst socially distancing and exit via the pedestrian gate next to the vehicle gate.
- Year 3 will be collected at 3.30 from the playground – please stand in the zone allocated to your class (3CS Zone A and 3IR Zone B) and the children will be delivered to you.

If you have children in different drop off/collection times we would ask you to adhere to the correct times until we review how the system is working – many thanks. To avoid congestion, please do not arrive earlier than your allocated slot.



First Week Back – Wednesday 2nd to Friday 4th

As the children will be returning to their old teachers and classrooms for the first three days back, the routine will need to be different for these three days!

On these three days **ONLY**, come at the times above for **your new** year groups but drop the children with their old teacher on the playground and then exit via the wooden gate behind the Octagon onto Dower Road.

For Collection

- New 1W from old reception classroom at 3.15
- New 1S from old reception classroom at 3.30
- New 2KS from old year 1 classroom at 3.15
- New 2M from old year 1 classroom at 3.30
- New year 3 from the playground at 3.30 (3CS zone A and 3IR zone B)
- New year 4 from the playground at 3.15 (4W zone A and 4C zone B)
- New year 5 from the hall at 3.30
- New year 6 from the hall at 3.15

Mrs Farams's class will be with Miss Cotter due to her maternity leave.

Sutton Community of Choirs

Singing Community of Choirs are recruiting for our 2020-2021 season! We have been rehearsing online throughout the current pandemic and have even put together our own Virtual Concert in this time, along with working on our music theory and musicianship each week. We are looking forward to continuing this in September with a view to moving to "in person" rehearsals later in the Autumn term.

We have so many exciting things planned for next year and we'd love for you to be a part of it! Our current members love coming to choir and have recorded a short video to share with you: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eVHR86-4_N0

We have 5 choirs ranging from age 4 to adult so there is something for all the family. All of our choirs rehearse on a Wednesday evening. Please get in touch at enquiry@scchoirs.org.uk for more information or to sign up for September.

We can't wait to sing with you!

Keeping Children Safe

The government has issued the following advice for parents and carers on how to keep children safe at this time.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-keeping-children-safe-from-abuse-and-harm/advice-to-parents-and-carers-on-keeping-children-safe-from-abuse-and-harm>

Dates for your diary

July

16th School closes to all children
17th Year 6 leavers' event – 10am

September

1st Training day – school closed
2nd Year 1 to year 6 in school
7th Training day – school closed
8th Reception induction starts

Uniform Sale

There will be a uniform sale on **Tuesday 1st September** between 10am and 12. It will be at the main entrance, under the canopy.

PTFA

A massive thank you for the Virtual Summer Fayre pictures and donations, we've currently raised £790 and there's still time to donate via the GoFundMe page.

https://www.gofundme.com/f/c2p23-a-cause-i-care-about-needs-help?utm_source=whatsapp&utm_medium=chat&utm_campaign=p_cf+share-flo

Lastly a big thank you to year 6 leavers and their parents/families/carers, their contributions have been invaluable and we wish them all well in the future.

Home Learning - summer

What a strange Summer term it has been! We are very proud of our children, those who have coped so well with returning to a very different school and those who have been working hard at home. We are also extremely grateful to all the parents for the support that has been given. We have been asked by several parents for work that could be done over the summer and so there will be summer home learning ideas on the home learning section of the website. These are not compulsory but some parents had asked for ideas and these direct you to key areas of learning. With a lot of these areas, the key is little and often. We would also like to stress the importance of family time, outdoor time, creative time and most importantly some down time and rest. Have a fantastic summer and we look forward to seeing you all again in September.

And Finally..

As we come to the end of an academic year that none of us will forget, I would like to express my thanks to everyone in the Coppice community for all the support that they have provided.

I would like to thank all the staff for being prepared to adapt, change hours, work holidays and generally move all obstacles to allow us to provide what the government asked of us. I am incredibly proud of the staff we have at Coppice and the support that they give each other and the children. A big thank you also to governors who have given continued support in a situation that none of us expected.

I would like to thank parents for all the support and messages of goodwill over this period and for following the routines so well to enable everything to run so smoothly. A special thank you for all you have done with the home learning whilst doing your own job at the same time.

I would like to thank all the children who have attended over this time for adapting so well and for helping to ensure that the school was able to operate as a school and for helping everyone to keep safe.

I would especially like to thank those children who we were not able to welcome back – we have missed you greatly and thank you for working so hard at home. We are really looking forward to seeing you again in September and having you back to be with your friends and teachers.

I would like to congratulate Mrs Faram on the birth of a baby boy this week. Mother and baby are doing well and we wish them all the best.

We say goodbye to Kathryn Williams and wish her well in her retirement. Mrs Williams has been at Coppice since January 2009 and has done an enormous amount of work on supporting children with early reading. She will be sorely missed for her dedication, patience and continual positive encouragement to the children that she has taught.

We also say goodbye to year 6. They have not had the end of primary school that they were expecting and have sadly missed out on many of the experiences that they would have had in a 'normal' year. They really have been an amazing cohort of children that have been a very cohesive group ever since they started in reception. They have worked hard and continually set a good example to the rest of the school. It is disappointing - for the school – that they did not get to take their SATs as they would undoubtedly have been one of our best ever years. We will say goodbye to them on Friday knowing that they will all go on to make a positive difference to the secondary schools that they will be attending. All the staff are incredibly proud of them and that they will always be remembered as the 'Lockdown Leavers.'

We are doing everything we can within the guidelines to ensure that all the children are welcomed back in September and that we can educate them safely. Year groups will operate as bubbles so that children can be with their friends and be supported in their education by the adults within the school. We appreciate that some children will not have been in school for 6 months and that it will by necessity operate slightly differently to how they left. We will look to support them with any worries that they may have and hope that getting to spend the first 3 days with their old teacher will help with this.

I wish you all a relaxing break – from school or home learning – and thank you again for your support of the school. We look forward to seeing you in September.

Richard Green