

Primrose Hill Primary School

School September Return Information

All Year Groups

Dear Parents & Carers

The Government has now issued guidance about September's return to school which we have planned for. It is likely there will be further updated guidance over the coming weeks, especially if there are further health concerns nationally, but in the meantime we are assuming everything is all systems go.

The Government expectation is that all children should return to school in September, including those who have previously shielded. Attendance will be statutory.

To this end, we are planning a full re-opening in early September but there are some preparation steps to take to allow us to do this safely and appropriately. This will be five daily sessions as normal.

The week of 2nd September will be our normal INSET arrangements (Weds & Thurs) to prepare for the school year. This will include planning and sharing the School Improvement Plan, organising assessment meetings as well as completing the additional enhanced arrangements for returning to school in this climate. Our term dates for 2020/21 have been slightly revised to support these plans.

We will also be doing some staff training on supporting children and families following trauma and bereavement and have **planned some time for key children to return to school for an 'induction' session on Friday 4th September** to acclimatise themselves before returning to school on Monday 7th September. Mandy will be in touch with you tomorrow if this involves your child.

The first day for children in Y1-Y6 will be Monday 7th September. Nursery and Reception children will have received their individual start dates from Tuesday 15th September onwards.

Timeline

Mon 31st August	Tues 1st Sept	Weds 2nd Sept	Thurs 3rd Sept	Fri 4th Sept
		INSET DAY	INSET DAY	Visits by Vulnerable Children to School. Mandy will contact you to arrange this

School begins for Y1-Y6 on Monday 7th September

Mon 7th Sept	Tues 8th Sept	Weds 9th Sept	Thurs 10th Sept	Fri 11th Sept
First Day Y1-Y6		Tadpoles Stay & Play	Froglets Stay & Play	Ladybirds Stay & Play 9:15 & 2:15
Mon 14th Sept	Tues 15th Sept	Weds 16th Sept	Thurs 17th Sept	Fri 18th Sept
Ladybirds Stay & Play 9:15 & 2:15	First Group of YN & YR start			

Class Groups

For Y1 to Y6 - each returning class will now be an expanded 'bubble' in line with government guidance. Year groups will have **set entry and exit times** as well as play and lunchtimes to avoid contact with other children. Year groups will be kept apart from other year groups. Social distancing measures will remain and classrooms will be set up to minimise risk. This will include removing unnecessary furniture, continuing with one way systems, forward facing desks and additional sanitation.

For children in Nursery & Reception, children will be grouped into 15's and 30's initially.

Curriculum

Our aim is to continue to teach a broad and balanced curriculum but prioritise aspects of learning which have been missed due to lockdown and to fill gaps. This will also include facilitating 'catch up' as part of the Government Funding, to whole classes and individual children.

This will begin immediately in the Autumn Term with a focus on reading across the school. Mireille and Syra have been thinking about the curriculum offer alongside the work we have done already for the curriculum school improvement work this year.

Adults who work across multiple classes can continue to do so whilst maintaining social distances. E.g. Jordan, Tom etc.

Information about dropping off & collecting your child

Each year group has a designated entry & exit area and time. These are the specific times for your year group:

Year Group	Start Time & Gate	Exit Time Main Playground
Y6	8:45 Scooter Gate	3:20
Y5	8:45 Two Year Olds Gate	3:20
Y4	8:55 Scooter Gate	3:25
Y3	8:55 Two Year Olds Gates	3:25
Y2	8:45 Main Gate	3:20
Y1	8:55 Main Gate	3:25
Reception	9:10 Main Gate	3:10
Nursery	9:20 Main Gate	3:10
Two Year Olds	9:00 Two Year Olds Gate	3:30

Etiquette

- You must use hand sanitiser on entry and exit.
- You should follow the arrows which indicate a one-way system into the site and around the building.
- Parents & carers are not to enter the building apart from the lobby, We can only have 3 parents & carers in the main lobby at any one time. During busier times, we ask you to wait outside on the designated 2m markers.
- Parents can enter the playground at drop off and pick up.
- If your child has an appointment or if you need to collect your child earlier, you should go to the office. A tannoy sent for a child to come down to reception or be collected by a member of staff and taken to their parent outside the school – no physical contact.
- *The Scooter Gate will now be an entrance for Y2, Y4 & Y6, so we would prefer you **not** to leave scooters or bikes at school for the time being.*

Other Key Information

- ❑ End of day collection: Parents / carers to collect children from upper/ lower playground only.
- ❑ If it is raining the collection protocol does NOT change and parents/ carers must wait for children outside.

Important Information Before Returning to School

Please check your child for symptoms, and **do not** come in to school if they show the following symptoms:

- ❑ a high temperature (please try to take their temperature every morning)
- ❑ a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- ❑ a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Please make sure your child has not brought in

- ❑ any toys in to school
- ❑ any personal sanitation such as tissues - we are well stocked at every point!
- ❑ no need to bring in a book bag at the moment.
- ❑ not brought any PPE into school as this is against gov't guidance, which is that PPE can increase the risk when used by a child

Only Bring in

- ❑ **A packed lunch box if your child has packed lunch.**
- ❑ **A named water bottle which needs to go home each day to be washed - there will be no water fountains so a bottle is essential**

Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the day ahead, e.g.

- ❑ wears clothing that they can easily do up and manage themselves
- ❑ does not wear multiple layers
- ❑ has only labelled clothes on (we cannot store spare clothes so will have to throw them if unlabelled)

Please wash your hands before leaving the house

Please apply sun lotion to your child before school. We will not be able to do this.

What happens if someone has symptoms of COVID-19 in school, at nursery or at home?

- School contacts Health Protection Team
- Health protection team will carry out risk assessment to determine any close contact.
- If the student or teacher tests positive for coronavirus, schools must send home those people who have been in close contact with the positive person advising self isolation of 14 days. (face to face within 1m, being coughed on, physical contact, extended contact, travelling in a car)
- Template letter will be provided to schools to send to parents
- Household members of those sent home do not need to self isolate unless the person self isolating develops symptoms.
- If the test result is negative, children still remain in isolation for 14 days.
- If schools have two or more positive cases in 14 days, the HPT may advise additional action. If an outbreak is suspected, the HPT may dispatch a mobile testing unit. Testing will focus on Person's Class / Year Group then Whole School if necessary.

Those of you who have returned to school over the previous half term will have been reassured by the measures we have put in place to ensure the safety of our children, staff and parents. It has been wonderful having so many of you back and we look forward to having our full school up and running again in the Autumn.

September brings further challenges, but I am sure as a community we will continue to work together positively to make the best of the situation for the children and to have a successful start to the school year.

If you have any questions between now and Tuesday 21st, please get in touch with me.

I will be in touch during the holidays if anything changes, but for now, have a good break and stay safe and well.

Robin Warren

Head Teacher

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