

Primrose Hill Primary School
School September Return Information
All Year Groups Updated Information September 2020

Dear Parents & Carers

Before the holidays, we did as much of the set up and preparation for a safe opening as we could. It is still 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. We feel confident that we can open safely and there are measures in place to support this.

Camden has had the third lowest number of Covid19 cases of all London authorities since the pandemic began, and only 0.01% out of 1m children who attended school in the summer term nationally, having any reported outbreaks of the virus. We have planned our school opening based on the latest guidance, ongoing risk assessment and our experience of re-opening before the summer holidays.

The Government expectation is that all children should return to school this term, including those who have previously shielded. Attendance will be statutory. This will be five daily sessions as normal.

We expect **all** children to return to school. The Government has given authorisation to issue fixed penalty fines for families who do not return, but we do not wish to do this. We would prefer to work directly to find a way forward than penalise you. Communication will be key to this so please speak to one of us about any issues.

There will be a small number of children who will still be unable to attend school due to clinical and public health advice:

- Because they are self isolating and have symptoms or because they have been in close contact with someone who has the coronavirus;
- They have been advised to shield due to medical conditions;
- If rates of the disease rise in our local area and children (or family members) will be advised to shield during the period where rates remain high and therefore they may be temporarily absent.

Where children are not able to attend school, as parents and carers are following clinical or public health or government advice, for example, self-isolation, quarantine or family isolation, the absence will not be penalised. You would need to provide some evidence for the above reasons.

We will provide remote or home learning for children affected by the above criteria or if there are further local or national lockdowns. However, we will not provide any remote learning for families who do not want their children to come to school. We need to focus on our in-school provision and ensuring all children catch up now.

This week the staff team have been having our normal start of year INSET including 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. On Friday, we invited some key children (those who either did not return after lockdown or those we felt could benefit for a brief

induction visit). Mandy will have been in touch with you if this involves your child. We also had specialist staff training on supporting children and families following trauma and bereavement.

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 - School begins for Y1-Y6 on Monday 7th September

| Mon 7th Sept | Tues 8th Sept | Weds 9th Sept | Thurs 10th Sept | Fri 11th Sept |
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| 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 | | | |

Year Group & Class Groups

For Y1 to Y6 - each returning year group will be a 'bubble' allowing them to have set entry and exit times and a shared morning play (albeit in different areas of the playground), but for the majority of the time, each individual 'class' will be a smaller bubble and have their own class sessions, lunchtimes / PE and Music sessions etc. This will allow the groups to avoid contact with other children. Year groups and class staff 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. Some staff may move between groups e.g. Jordan, Tom, cover staff etc., but they will maintain a minimum of 2m distance from the children.

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

Our risk assessment for the term is also available on the news page for you to look at if you wish. This is likely to be updated in the coming days in light of any government guidance on facemasks which currently are not required for primary age children.

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 |

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| 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. Please do this quickly
- 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 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 or **anyone in your family** show the following symptoms:

- a high temperature (please try to take their temperature every morning)
- a new, continuous cough or symptoms – 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.

The Government guidance states there is no expectation for primary school aged children to wear a face mask or covering.

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). This includes siblings in another class, although that class will not be affected unless that sibling tests positive.
- 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 individual classes / year groups, then whole school if necessary.

A London Covid19 Response Team has now been set up and they can answer any questions or concerns on 03003030450. There is also the Covid19 Testing number 119.

Those of you have returned to school during 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 was wonderful having so many of you back and we look forward to having our full school up and running again in the Autumn.

In other news, as I prepare to leave Primrose Hill by the end of December, Mireille and I will work closely together on a secure handover so she can take over in January if an appointment for a new Head Teacher is not made.

Further information about your child's class timetable, curriculum coverage and other key information will be shared shortly in a letter from your class team. This will include a zoom invitation to a virtual meeting on Monday at 2pm, so please ensure you are available to attend if possible.

This term, and likely beyond, will bring 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.

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Acting Head Teacher