

# North Park Primary School

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## Full opening of schools from September

I am pleased to be able to write to you with details about the full re-opening of schools from September, now that the guidance has been provided to schools from the government. The guidance can be found on the DFE website - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

I would be grateful if you could read this information carefully so you are aware of how things will look for children when they return, and what government guidance advises. School has a range of measures in place to help minimise the spread of infection; these have worked successfully in the latter half of the summer term, when more pupils were invited back to school, and will now be applied to the larger class groups from the start of September:

- **All children should return to school** from the start of term. The government has informed us that the usual rules for school attendance will apply from the start of term. School begins on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September.
- **Children will be kept in class 'bubbles'** – this will ensure no crossover of pupils and minimise contact; although adults may move rooms, different classes will not mix in school or on the yard, etc. This keeps children in predictable groups and teachers can then ensure resources are deployed and cleaned safely and any cases of coronavirus that may occur will be limited to small groups rather than the whole school
- **Staggered start and end times, and staggered breaks and lunches** – we will ensure time between the arrival and departure of classes, and separate entrances, whilst maintaining the full teaching day for our pupils; please adhere to these times and entrances (as detailed later in the letter). We will organise a rota for children for breaks and lunches, ensuring all children access a meal and a break during the day. Please note from September the cost of a school meal will rise to £2.10 per day.
- **Cleaning** - there is thorough daily cleaning in school, particularly of shared touch points such as door handles. Additional cleaning of any shared touchpoints is also undertaken during the day; there are antibacterial handwash stations at all entrances; every class has handwashing resources in each individual classroom and staff will ensure cleaning of surfaces and resources in their rooms.
- **Rigorous handwashing routines** – staff and children regularly wash hands – upon arrival in school, before leaving, between activities where necessary, and before and after lunch. Good hygiene is encouraged with tissues in all rooms
- **Risk assessments** - in place in school are regularly reviewed. If there is any incident of a child (or adult) displaying symptoms, we would urge parents not to send children in and go for a test; if a child develops symptoms in school we will:
  - Contact parents immediately and ask that you take your child for a test; if the result is positive other children and adults in that class bubble will be advised to isolate for 14 days.
  - Seek advice from HPA if we have more than 2 incidences of infection in 14 days and advise parents accordingly.
- **Children should wear school uniform** as normal and will be permitted packed lunches, water bottles (KS1 and EYFS will be given a water bottle in school), school book bags (for books and other work), and coats as normal, but other stationery resources are not needed as these will be provided by school. Children should also have a PE kit – this will be sent home after use for cleaning.



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- There will be no gatherings of children or adults, such as assemblies; use of any shared spaces such as the yard, hall or IT suite will be organised to avoid mixing of groups and resources and areas are cleaned between use.
- Face coverings will not be used by staff in school, other than for first aid or intimate care needs.
- If your child was shielding and still under the care of specialist healthcare professionals, please seek their advice if you need to before the return to school.
- Any visitors or visits organised will only be arranged after strict risk assessments are undertaken; we must be sure these are safe and Covid-secure for pupils and staff. Adults moving between groups will follow strict hygiene routines.
- **Movement around school** will be kept to a minimum; children will enter and leave classrooms via separate doors.
- **Desks and classrooms** - Our youngest children will be supported in classrooms with play; where there are desks in classes, these are organised to face forward, and children will have their own stationery resources. Any shared resources will be cleaned between use by different groups; books returned to school after home reading will be put aside for 48 hours before being returned to shelves for other children. We ask that you support us by keeping them safely in schoolbook bags in between being read by children at home.
- **Breakfast club** – access to this will be possible if your child wishes to have breakfast. This will be held in the hall and children will be separated into class tables, to help us keep them in their class bubbles from the start of the day. Supervisors will arrange for activities at tables. Children should arrive for 8am at the main door. At 8.50am they will be sent to their classrooms.
- **After school club** – this will resume in September (see Mrs Harris for a registration form). Clearly, we cannot keep children apart from other year groups after school; however, they will be kept in a small, consistent group and the same stringent routines of handwashing, cleaning of resources, etc will be followed in the club. Please press the buzzer as normal when you come to collect your child. We can allow ONE parent/carer to come in and collect, but please note there will only be one adult at a time permitted entry, so there may be a very short wait. Please wait at the classroom door and the supervisor will arrange for your child to meet you.

## Arrangements for your child:

- **Your child should return on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020**, when school reopens for teaching purposes.
- **Please ONLY use the designated entrance**, to help us ensure no crossover of groups. Teachers will meet your child at the gate/door - parents/carers should not come on the yard or into school and should leave promptly to help us be ready for the next group. Please ensure you distance as you await arrival.
- **INDIVIDUAL CLASS LETTERS HAVE BEEN SENT OUT DETAILING YOUR CHILD'S DROP OFF AND FINISH TIMES AND ENTRANCE/EXITS**
- These are
  - Year 6 – Small gate by the Youth Centre – 8.50am Pick up at 3.10pm
  - Year 5 - Main KS2 Gate at 8.50am Pick up at 3.10pm
  - Year 4 – Main KS2 gate at 9am Pick up at 3.20pm
  - Year 3 – Small gate by the youth centre at 9am Pick up at 3.20pm
  - Year 2 – Small gate by the youth centre 8.55am Pick up at 3.15pm
  - Year 1 – Main gate at 8.55am Pick up at 3.15pm
  - Mrs Wood's Class – Main entrance at 9.05am Pick up at 3.25pm
  - Nursery - normal Nursery entrance – morning sessions 8.45am to 11.45am



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- If you have siblings in school, please drop off at the earlier time and your children will be sent to class; please pick up at designated times however (this will only be a short wait).

## Arrangements for Reception Class

Reception children will be invited to school for a staggered start, to help us integrate new starters gradually. Please drop off and pick up at the main entrance:

### Week 1

- Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September - 9.15am – 11.45am      1.15pm-3.15pm
- Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September - 9.15am – 11.45am      1.15pm-3.15pm
- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September - 9.15am – 11.45am      1.15pm-3.15pm
- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September - 9.15am – 11.45am      1.15pm-3.15pm

### Week 2

- Week beginning Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September – 8.55am – pick up at 1.30pm (children will have lunch in school)
- Across this week, in afternoons, class teachers will telephone parents, and this will give you an opportunity to discuss any concerns or information in relation to your child.

### Week 3

- Week beginning Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September – full days and normal daily routines will begin – 8.55am – 3.15pm

We are really looking forward to welcoming all the children back to school. Staff are committed to ensuring all children feel welcome and secure upon their return – the pupils' wellbeing, learning, welfare and happiness remains our priority. In addition, the curriculum will be designed to support some catch-up of key skills, whilst still providing a broad and balanced range of subjects and enjoyment of learning.

We all have had to adjust the way we do things for a while, to help us minimise the risk of infection, but I can assure you that school remains a calm, welcoming and familiar environment for children and we will be vigilant in managing and reducing risk as far as we can whilst they are in our care.

Thank you for your support with these measures. Please do not hesitate to contact school if you have any queries or concerns.

Sincerely,

Mrs P Monk  
Headteacher



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## North Park Primary School HOLIDAYS 2020-2021

(other schools may be different)

<i>Holiday</i>	<b>Closing Date</b> Last day in school for children	<b>Date Re-open for Teaching Purposes</b>
Summer 2020	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July 2020	Tuesday 1 September 2020
Autumn half-term 2020	Friday 23 October 2020	Monday 2 November 2020
Christmas 2020	Friday 18 December 2020	Monday 4 January 2021
Spring half-term 2021	Friday 12 February 2021	Monday 22 February 2021
Easter 2021	Friday 26 March 2021	Monday 12 April 2021
May Day 2021	Friday 30 April 2021	Tuesday 4 May 2021
Summer half-term 2021	Friday 28 May 2021	Monday 7 June 2021
Summer 2021	Tuesday 20 July 2021	Wednesday 1st September 2021

***In addition, we will be closed for the following 5 days, for Professional Development:***

**2.10.20      5.10.20      12.2.21      29.4.21      30.4.21**

- Further diary dates will be sent out in September

