



Friday 5th March 2021

LOCKDOWN 3 NEWSLETTER 7



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope this letter finds you well and settled in the knowledge that our doors open to all of our children on Monday 8th March. We also hope that you and your children have chatted about the coming week and discussed routines, timings and expectations.

As we have said before, this is a transition process and not a one-off event. The coming weeks will inevitably see some ups and downs - from children and parents or carers. As always, we are available to support you and your child in navigating your way back to 'normal' and would encourage you to always talk to us about any issues you may be having. Over the last 9 weeks, we have worked in partnership to keep our children safe, happy and learning. We look forward to continuing to build on these strong partnerships. You are probably looking forward to us taking back hold of the teaching reins!

Thank you for doing a brilliant job.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR RETURNING TO SCHOOL ON MON 8TH MARCH

Timings will be reviewed just before Easter and may change once the summer term begins.

Here's a reminder:

Year group	Start time	End time	Maryville Gate	Entrance/ exit	Notes
N	08.30am	11.30am	Left hand gate	Nursery doors	Morning Nursery only.
R	08.40am	3.10pm	Left hand gate	Please use classroom side doors.	BACK IN THEIR USUAL ROOMS.



Year group	Start time	End time	Maryville Gate	Entrance/ exit	Notes
Y1	9am	3.20pm	Left hand gate	Y1 doors	Each class wait to pick up in different zones outside Y1.
Y2	9am	3.20pm	Left hand gate	Middle yard, Y2 doors	Wait to pick up in zoned area.
Y3	8.45am	3.10pm	Left hand gate	Middle yard, Y3 doors	Wait to pick up in zoned area.
Y4	8.55am	3.20pm	Right hand gate	Field	Drop off at gate, pick up from back yard.
Y5	8.45am	3.10pm	Right hand gate	Field	Drop off at gate, pick up from back yard.
Y6	8.35am	3pm	Right hand gate	Field	Drop off at gate, pick up from back yard.

RISK ASSESSMENT GUIDANCE. (To be reviewed at Easter.)

- **ATTENDANCE: Your child is expected to return to school on Monday 8th March, from which point the usual rules on attendance will apply. A very small number of pupils may be continuing to shield - please get in touch before we return if you think this applies to your child. Email us at admin@prescotprimary.org.uk. If we are concerned about your child's attendance, our Pastoral Team will be in touch.**
- All children should be in school by 9am. We will be recording late arrivals as per our usual practice and will be in touch if problems persist. Lateness impacts on the learning routines of your child and the whole class. Thanks for your co-operation.
- If your child is showing symptoms of Coronavirus, they will be isolated and a family member will be expected to pick them up immediately. We will advise that a test be taken and will engage with the NHS 'Test & Trace' process.
- We will continue to be cautious about pupil sickness and may ask a family member to collect if a pupil feels unwell, even if the symptoms are not COVID-related.
- We have a risk assessment in place that will be reviewed and updated regularly. **Children will stay in their class bubbles as much as possible.** Mixed year group assemblies and other large gatherings will not happen.
- Current guidance maintains that we teach children in rows facing the front of the classroom where possible. We have planned for this in Y2 - Y6 classrooms. In Y1 and EYFS classrooms, this is more difficult and we will therefore increase other ways of limiting the spread of infection.
- Rooms will be well-ventilated, with windows and doors open at all times.
- Children are not currently required to wear masks in primary school although we have given the older children in Y5 and 6 the choice. If your child has travelled to school on public



transport, please remove their mask before entering school. If you have a question about masks, please email school before our return.

- Start and end times will be staggered to reduce crowding on Maryville Rd. Children will also enter/exit via different routes. Parents are expected to leave the school site as quickly as possible. Please avoid playground conversations - wave and smile from a distance please.
- Plan your journeys to/from school with time to spare. Walk or park further away from school to avoid parking issues.
- Regular hand-washing will be encouraged. Please continue to practise good hand-washing routines at home.
- Children do not need to bring their own hand sanitiser into school. We have sanitiser on site and will regularly wash hands throughout the day.
- Breaks and lunchtimes will be staggered and will be spent in different class zones.
- School dinners will be provided as normal but canteen routines may change for a while.
- Face-to-face communication with staff will be limited and parents/carers will be encouraged to email or call school with messages. Appointments can be made to meet with a teacher in a socially distanced manner.
- Uniform will be worn as normal.
- Coats should be worn if the weather is unsettled or cold. The children will be enjoying the outdoor learning environment more than they ever have before.
- Prepare your child's indoor and outdoor PE kit. We advise trainers with Velcro for those who cannot yet tie laces. We want to be outside for PE as much as possible.
- Check name labels. **PLEASE LABEL EACH ITEM OF CLOTHING.**
- Bags can be brought to school but please minimise the number of items your child brings. No non-essential toys, footballs etc.
- Children can bring in a labelled water bottle that must be cleaned daily.
- iPads are an integral part of learning at a distance. KS1 and 2 children with devices should bring their iPads clean and fully charged every day to school.
- Fruit will be available as usual. Your child does not need to bring a snack into school.
- If your child has a home-packed lunch, please send these in disposable bags for the time being. Please do not overfill lunch bags as we want to reduce food waste if possible. Please write their name onto the disposable bag.
- Running Club or after school clubs will not take place initially, as we must minimise the mixing of bubbles. This decision will be reviewed at Easter and as the weather improves.
- All visitors to the school site must wear a mask, unless exempt, and must maintain social distancing when talking to staff.



BREAKFAST CLUB & AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Breakfast and After School Club sessions will also commence on Monday 8th March. Booking windows are now open for booking your child's place for w/c 15th March 2021 and the window will close on Thursday 11th March 2021.

'PCP FAVOURITES MENU'

School dinners will continue to be served in our canteen with our 'PCP Favourites menu' (alongside jacket potatoes, paninis and sandwiches).

Mon: Hotdogs (with 'real' sausages) beans and wedges.

Tues: Chicken/veg curry with rice & naan

Wed: Meat & potato pie with mash & peas

Thurs: Roast dinner

Fri: Fishy Friday

TOP UP OF LUNCH ACCOUNT VIA THE ARBOR APP

Please can you ensure that there are sufficient funds in your child's lunch account on Arbor. Funds **MUST** be in your child's school meal account before 9am on the day the school dinner is to be taken. Please remember to advise the school office if your child wants to change their school meal choice i.e. school dinner or packed lunch.

WORLD BOOK DAY COMPETITION 2021

Thank you so much for all of your efforts with costumes for our Book Day theme, 'The Word Collector'. We had some really creative choices that were really tricky to guess, including 'hirsute', 'fuchsia' and 'absorb'. The event will have broadened vocabulary across the school - and it brought smiles to many faces too!

We are holding a World Book Day **competition** for all children to complete at home if they wish. We would like them to create a book character - or setting - made out of recycled or reused materials. They can take a photograph or video and send it to school via Parent Share (EYFS) or Google Classroom. The closing date is Friday 19th March.



HOME LEARNING

This week's home learning has produced some excellent pieces of work across the school and the Zooms have allowed all children to share news and work together. As school gets back to normal, Google Classroom will be used in class as a way of sharing resources and handing in work when needed. These activities are not intended to be completed at home and we do not expect children to log on to complete any work once they have finished in school, unless for any homework. However, we would love children to continue to read, read, read at home and continue with their phonics practice. Reading underpins much of school life and we cannot stress enough how important regular practice is. Please continue to make time for this at home with your children.

FOLLOW THE RULES

Whilst it feels like the country is heading in the right direction, we would like to remind families that they must continue to follow the government guidance on social distancing and staying at home whenever possible. The success of our school opening to all children depends on the shared responsibility of the wider community. Thank you.

COMMUNICATION

This school year we have launched two new Apps, the **Arbor app and Parentapp**. We use both of these apps to communicate regularly with parents and carers, especially at the moment during these uncertain times. Currently we have 90% of parents/carers using the Arbor app and 80% of parents/carers using the Parentapp. **If you have not downloaded the apps please check your emails as you will have received invitations for both. New invites have been sent out this week but they will expire if not accessed.**

If you have changed your email address recently please contact the school office on admin@prescotprimary.org.uk and we can re send the invitations.

Did you know you can use our Apps to:-

- Report your child's absence
- Send us an in App message
- Pay for school dinners
- Book and pay for clubs
- Receive important/urgent communication

It is so important that we can communicate with all of our parents by the apps, as messages are received instantly. **Please sign up now!**



We really appreciate all of the kind messages we have had from our families in recognition of the hard work and dedication of school staff over this lockdown. We would also like to echo your thanks to our colleagues who have done an amazing job in caring for our children. These last few months have been difficult to say the least but we have always felt immense support from the school community; it has strengthened us and pushed us on.

From Monday, we will continue to do our best for every pupil in our care. We will help them to settle, to get to know their friends again and - if needed - catch up with their learning. We have missed being together and are looking forward to being under the same PCP roof once again.

Enjoy your weekend.

Kindest regards,

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