



Friday 12th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a fabulous week in school as we all reconnect with each other and the children start to learn together once again. Thank you all for your positivity and trust, we appreciate it. We have put together a little video for you to see how much sunshine your children have brought back into school:

<https://youtu.be/Jc0yloL3DWU>

PARKING ON MARYVILLE

The last nine weeks have obviously been unusually peaceful on Maryville Road but as children have returned, so has the traffic. We have been very disappointed in the number of cars driving down to the school gates or parking across driveways. **Ultimately, all of the adults in the school community should put the safety of the children first.** This has not always been the case this week. Please do not park or stop - even temporarily - on the yellow zig zag lines outside of the school gates, or on double yellow lines along the road. Please make more time for your journey and park further away to avoid the dangerous situations we have witnessed on more than one occasion. We hope that once routines are re-established, Maryville Road will become a little safer. We will refer any issues to Knowsley Traffic Management.

NURSERY PLACES

We still have some places in Nursery for after Easter. Any children who turn three before 31st March 2021 are eligible for a place and we would need to know by Friday 19th March, at the latest, in order to secure their place. Please email admin@prescotprimary.org.uk with the following details: child's name, date of birth, address, parent contact number and an image of their birth certificate. We would also welcome you to send any details of children who you would like adding to our admissions register for future intakes. Thank you to the many of you who have already done this for younger siblings.

FOOTPATH CLOSURE ON OLIVER LYME ROAD

We have been informed that a footpath on Oliver Lyme Road has been temporarily closed due to construction work in the area. Obviously, there has been increased pedestrian traffic going to and from our site and Evelyn Primary. We have been asked to remind you to keep your children close if you walk down Oliver Lyme Road and use the opposite pavement if you can.

PARENTS' & CARERS' EVENINGS

This week, we have been busy settling children back into routines and supporting them to re-engage with their friends. Whilst doing this, we have also been assessing reading, phonics, maths and writing skills in order to gain a better understanding of where the children now are in



relation to where they were in December and where they need to be. This all takes time and will be ongoing until Easter.

However, we feel that our oldest children and families - Y6 Wolves - would benefit from a meeting before Easter. We will make arrangements for these virtual meetings to happen during the last week of term. Y6, please look out for an information email next week.

Other year groups will follow after Easter.

RED NOSE DAY 2021

Friday 19th March is 'Red Nose Day' in support of Comic Relief. We feel that this is a way for the whole school to come together once again and bring a little bit of fun back into school. On Friday 19th, the children can come to school in their 'own clothes' or in Red Nose Day t-shirts. Please keep all red noses and additional accessories at home as these can be difficult to monitor.

CONTINUING ARRANGEMENTS UP TO EASTER:

Year group	Start time	End time	Maryville Gate	Entrance/ exit	Notes
N	08.30am	11.30am	Left hand gate	Nursery doors	Morning Nursery only. Doors open at 11.20am.
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. We have thermometers and CO2 readers in classrooms to ensure that temperatures do not go too low and oxygen levels are not too high. If your child feels like they need an extra jumper, feel free to let them wear one (it doesn't have to be a school jumper).
- 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 have started back well; thank you for booking ahead and paying for sessions via the app. Booking windows are now open for booking your child's place for w/c 22.03.2021, the window will close next Thursday 18.03.2021 at 5pm.

'PCP FAVOURITES MENU'



School dinners will continue to be served in our canteen with our 'PCP Favourites menu' (alongside jacket potatoes, paninis and sandwiches). We will continue to keep choices simple in order to help lunchtimes to run smoothly. This will be reviewed at Easter.

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.

DON'T FORGET!

WORLD BOOK DAY COMPETITION 2021

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.

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.** 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!**

Once again, thank you for supporting your children in returning to school so calmly. You have made our jobs so much easier!

Have a lovely weekend and a special Sunday for all of those Mums, Grandmas and special women out there!

Kindest regards,

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