



Friday 19th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

IT's been another very settled week in school as we get our heads back into learning. Well done to our Y6 Wolves who came second out of over 6000 schools in a nationwide Red Nose Day challenge on TTRock Stars. What a collective achievement, well done wonderful Wolves!

PARKING ON MARYVILLE AND CLIFTONVILLE

We know from passing comments on the gate this week that this remains a concern for many of you. We have once again witnessed some erratic and disrespectful parking that is putting our school community at risk - especially that of our children who can often be too small for drivers to see.

Whilst we are also concerned and frustrated by this continual problem, we are unable to address the issue ourselves. We do, however, report incidents and concerns to Knowsley Traffic Management and we would urge you to do the same. **You can do this by calling (0151) 443 5948 Civil Parking Services, Highways and Transportation Department.**

In the meantime, can we remind you to:

1. Allow sufficient time for your journey.
2. If you drive to school, park further away and walk. Urge taxi drivers to do the same.
3. Do not park on yellow lines or zigzags.
4. Do not block residents' driveways.
5. Be vigilant when crossing roads and keep your children close. Teach your children about road safety and discuss the consequences.

WORLD BOOK DAY COMPETITION WINNERS

Thank you for the wonderful entries we had for our World Book Day competition. We will announce the winners next week!

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 Monday 22nd 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.



CONTINUING ARRANGEMENTS: These arrangements will continue until we receive new government guidance after the Easter break. We will continue as we are until then.

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 after the Easter break)

- **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 for booking After School and Breakfast club sessions for after the Easter break for w/c 12.04.2021 will open at 5.05pm on Thursday 25.03.2021 this window will close at 5pm on Thursday 08.04.2021.

'PCP FAVOURITES MENU'

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

NEW FEATURE ON ARBOR! RECORD COVID TEST RESULTS.

Parents and carers can now record the type, barcode, time and outcome of a recent COVID test for pupils. You will have received a message via the Arbor app explaining how to do this. This would help us enormously and would avoid those conversations taking place on the gate in the morning.

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 **88%** 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

The Parentapp company has informed us that if we can get close to 100% of our families signed up to the app, we will go into a prize draw. The winning school will claim a free 'DINO DAY' which we know Y1 would love, as it fits into this term's project. Come on everyone - please download!

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!**



And just as we get back, we are getting ready for another break... just a reminder that we break for Easter next Friday, 26th March, at normal time.

Enjoy a pleasant weekend,

Kindest regards,

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