



Friday 26th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of the Spring term! Well done everybody! Here are some important notes and news items to share before we break up.

### **Reporting a COVID test until Monday 29th March.**

**Please inform school of a positive case up until Monday 29th March by emailing [covid19@prescotprimary.org.uk](mailto:covid19@prescotprimary.org.uk)**

- Schools will only need to know of a positive test result for your child in the following two situations:
  - a) Your child was in school for any period within the two school days (48 hours) before the school broke up and they developed symptoms ( a new persistent cough; a high temperature or a loss of smell and taste)
  - OR**
  - b) Your child was in school for any period within the two school days (48 hours) before the school broke up and they returned a positive COVID-19 test from one of the Liverpool City Regions mass asymptomatic testing sites and has received a confirmatory PCR test.
  
- To inform school in the **cases above only** please follow the school's procedures for reporting cases by emailing [covid19@prescotprimary.org.uk](mailto:covid19@prescotprimary.org.uk) up until Monday 26th March 2021.

In cases of emergency, when you are unable to follow the school's procedures, and strictly only to report possible school contact in the 48 hour window mentioned above you can contact 0151 443 4712 or

email [COVID19.SPOC@knowsley.gov.uk](mailto:COVID19.SPOC@knowsley.gov.uk)

***This number is not a helpline and cannot be used for any other reason or for advice.***

### **PARKING ON MARYVILLE AND CLIFTONVILLE**

Police presence on Maryville Road certainly had an impact on the congestion levels this week and we know this was welcomed by most of the families we spoke to. They will continue to patrol the area and be responsive to need.

We will continue to 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.**



After the break, 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.

### **MAY 2021 ELECTIONS**

As you may be aware our school was potentially going to be used as a polling station for the May 2021 elections. We have now been informed by the Local Authority that an alternative venue has been chosen as a polling station. This will be **Prescot Soccer Centre, 107 Warrington Road** for any of you who are local residents and would normally vote at school.

### **DOGS ON SITE**

Polite reminder: no dogs on site, even if they are small, well-behaved, can be carried or 'are only puppies'. Assistance dogs are permitted.

### **WORLD BOOK DAY COMPETITION WINNERS**

We are very happy to announce that the World Book day competition winners are: Clara Gerrish in Reception and Lola Clegg in Y5. Well done to you both for your creativity. We hope you like your Easter eggs!

### **GOODBYE!**

Today we say goodbye to Mrs Campbell-Syers. She is starting her adoption leave and is looking forward to spending time with her new addition to the family. We are all very happy for her and wish the family well. Mrs Campbell-Syers will return in the new academic year. Mr Dobson, who has been teaching in the Y5 Team, will be joining Reception to take our Zebras to the end of the year.

### **VACANCIES**

This week we have advertised job vacancies for four class teachers. If you know of anyone who may like to apply, they can click here for more information:

<http://www.prescotprimary.org.uk/our-school/vacancies>



**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](mailto: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 are now open and the 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. Grab bags will be provided in the summer term for KS2 children. They will be able to take these 'mini picnics' outside to eat in the fresh air if they choose..

**Mon:** Sausage & mash with mushy peas

**Tues:** Spaghetti bolognese with garlic bread

**Wed:** Homemade meat & potato pie or cheese pie served with salad or beans

**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**

The guidance will change over the Easter holidays. This will allow us all a little more freedom, which will be much welcomed. However, please remain cautious and adhere to the new guidance. 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](mailto: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!**



All of us in school are reflecting on the journey we have all taken together over the past term. We continue to be amazed by how well our children have navigated these difficult times. We are tentatively looking forward to normality returning but we will continue to be cautious and protective of our school staff, children and community.

Easter 2020 was a busy period of change, as we all adjusted to the first set of lockdown restrictions and the opening of our key worker provision. Now, we are all happy to be heading into true Easter break - with no home learning or key worker bubbles! We hope you enjoy this break too.

Have fun and make the most of your family time. See you all on Monday 12th April.

Kindest regards,

Mr George and Mrs Seddon

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