



Thurs 27th August 2020

## **Guidance for our return to school in September 2020**

Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

We hope that you have had an enjoyable summer break which has allowed you some time to switch off and recharge. We know that you will now be thinking about a return to school and thought that it would be useful to remind you of the procedures we have put in place to keep our school community safe. As we all know, changes can happen quickly so we must all be ready to adapt as and when necessary.

We know that some of you will be eager to return and some will be anxious. There are a mixture of heightened emotions involved in this very unusual start to the year. Above all, we want you to know that we have - and will continue to work hard to ensure that our school environment is as safe as it can be. Children are generally resilient and adapt easily to change, often more than adults. We must work together to create a happy return to the classroom. Talk to your children about their worries but try to look ahead with positivity and avoid passing on your anxieties to your children. If you or your child continues to feel anxious as the days go on, please do get in touch. We must work together to get this right.

### **Start dates, times & locations**

Here are the start dates, times and entrance/exit points for classes in September. We have tried to keep the days as normal as possible but must plan for a return that prioritises the safety of our school community.

To help us all plan ahead, we will commit to this plan until we finish for half term in October.

**From Monday 7th September, Y1 to Y6 will be in everyday as normal but will continue to use these allocated timings and routes.**

Reception has received separate details regarding their return via Evidence Me / Parent Share - please check your child's personal induction timetable. Nursery return details for existing and new children will be shared separately.

Please note start dates, times and entrance/exits for the first three days back. Read carefully, they may differ from previous routines. Staff will be on duty to guide you along the new routes.

**NB: If you have siblings in different classes, please send the older children in at the same time as your youngest child. However, we will have staff on duty so please don't worry about the order in which you drop children off - this is only a suggestion.**

Year group	Start date	Start time	End time	Maryville Gate	Entrance/ exit	Notes
Y1	Wed 02/09/20	9am	3.20pm	Left hand gate	Y1 doors	Each class wait to pick up in different zones outside Y1.
Y2	Fri 04/09/20	9am	3.20pm	Left hand gate	Middle yard, Y2 doors	Wait to pick up in zoned area.
Y3	Wed 02/09/20	8.45am	3.10pm	Left hand gate	Middle yard, Y3 doors	Wait to pick up in zoned area.
Y4	Thurs 03/09/20	8.55am	3.20pm	Right hand gate	Field	Drop off at gate, pick up from back yard.
Y5	Fri 04/09/20	8.45am	3.10pm	Right hand gate	Field	Drop off at gate, pick up from back yard.
Y6	Wed 02/09/20	8.35am	3pm	Right hand gate	Field	Drop off at gate, pick up from back yard.

**Please read this important guidance which aims to minimise risk and keep our school community safe.**

You may wish to read the government guidance document here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

- Your child is expected to return to school in September, 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 your child is showing symptoms of Coronavirus, they will be isolated and their 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 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 year group bubbles as much as possible.** Mixed year group assemblies and other large gatherings will not happen.

- Current guidance advises 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.
- Children are not currently required to wear masks in primary school. 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 may 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 over the summer break.
- 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 year group 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 turning cold. The children will be enjoying the outdoor learning environment more than they ever have before.
- Prepare your child's PE kit and await further guidance on PE start dates. We advise trainers with Velcro for those who cannot yet tie laces. Please prepare outdoor kit (any long joggers/sweatshirt) for when the weather turns colder. We want to be outside as much as possible.
- Name labels are even more important than ever. **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. KS2 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.
- Breakfast and After School Club will resume on Wed 2nd Sept. You can book your sessions by emailing [kath.boadey@prescotprimary.org.uk](mailto:kath.boadey@prescotprimary.org.uk). We will minimise the mixing of bubbles and encourage social distancing. Regular hand-washing and robust cleaning routines will be in place.
- Running Club or after school clubs will not take place initially, as we must minimise the mixing of bubbles.

### **Lunchtime routines for September 2020**

Lunchtime is always a busy but happy time of the day when children are encouraged to enjoy a meal together. We hope to keep this time of the day as positive as possible but will have to make changes to help lunchtime go smoothly.

#### **Reception**

We will leave extra time for our new Reception children to become familiar with lunchtime routines. We will have staff on hand to help them choose and eat their food. Further guidance will be given during your meetings with teachers in Sept.

#### **Packed lunches from home**

We will allow children to bring in a packed lunch if that's what they normally do. In order to limit the amount of items taken to/from school, we would ask that **all packed lunches are in labelled disposable bags**. Packed lunches will be eaten outside or in classrooms if the weather is wet. We would encourage parents/carers to pack adequate food for their child but not too much - we want to minimise the food that may be thrown away. There is an alternative where school can provide a 'grab bag' option for your child; this will cost £2.20 a day (£11.00 per week). Please advise the school office if your child would like this option by emailing us on [admin@prescotprimary.org.uk](mailto:admin@prescotprimary.org.uk).

Your child can bring in a labelled water bottle for use during the day.

### **Hot meals**

We will continue to provide hot meal options in the canteen as usual. Each year group will eat as a bubble. Choices will be simpler at first so that your child knows what to expect. We will ask most of the children to pre-order their meals. Children will pre-order once in school.

A school meal is £2.20 a day (£11.00 per week). Please advise the school office if your child would like this option by emailing us on [admin@prescotprimary.org.uk](mailto:admin@prescotprimary.org.uk).

During the first three days of school, the hot choices will be:

**Wed 2nd Sept: Hot dogs**

**Thurs 3rd Sept: Pizza**

**Fri 4th Sept: Fishy Friday**

We will continue to provide various choices each day: vegetarian, jacket potato and a panini option. Salad will also be on offer every day.

Fruit will continue to be available in classrooms throughout the day.

We hope that this information is useful and helps you to plan ahead. If you have any specific enquiries, please email [admin@prescotprimary.org.uk](mailto:admin@prescotprimary.org.uk) as soon as we can.

**Please also make sure that you follow us on Twitter @Prescot Primary as this is our main line of communication. Also follow your child's year group feed:**

@PCPNursery

@PCPZebras (Reception)

@PCPPenguins (Y1)

@PCPTigers (Y2)

@PCPKangaroos (Y3)

@PCPDragons (Y4)

@PCPUnicorns (Y5)

@PCPWolves (Y6)

**We will see you all in September!**

**Kindest regards,**

**TEAM PCP**

