

Pheasey Park Farm Primary School and Early Years Centre

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Wednesday, 3rd March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

WELCOME BACK TO ALL CHILDREN

Following the Prime Ministers announcement on Monday, 22nd February of his 'Roadmap' to move the country out of the lockdown, we will be able to welcome ALL pupils back into school from Monday, 8th March.

That is very welcome news for us in school and I am sure welcome news for parents and children at home as well. We do understand that there may be some anxiety with children coming back into school and that is to be expected, however we would like to reassure you that we continue to implement all measures possible to keep your children and our staff as safe as possible. Our risk assessments are regularly reviewed and updated to reflect the latest guidance.

If your child is feeling anxious or scared about coming back to school, Childline have provided an excellent guide with practical steps that can be taken at home in preparation for their return, please follow the link <https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/school-college-and-work/school-college/school/>

Government guidance remains unchanged for Primary schools. In school, we must continue with our robust hand hygiene measures, the use of bubbles and social distancing which includes our one way system. There are no requirements for primary aged children to have testing or wear face coverings in school. Our staff will continue to wear face coverings in communal areas and we will continue to urge parents to do so as well - for the protection of everyone.

It is our intention to make the return to school as comfortable and as safe as we possibly can and we assure parents that we will continue to review our systems and procedures and listen to feedback as we go along. Please ensure you take some time to remind yourselves of the procedures we have in school as outlined below.

Clarification of procedures:

All children and parents must enter the site via the Raeburn Road gates and exit via Wimperis Way gates both before and after school.

Please could we request that all children are accompanied by one parent only when the children are brought to and collected from school to minimise numbers on site at all times.



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Do not block any of our paths throughout the site or entrance or exit gates - we have all seen that this can cause bottlenecks so please be mindful.

Children should remain with an adult at all times - please do not let younger children run ahead. We must also stress that parents should not congregate on the school grounds at all and should make their way off site as soon as their child is in class.

If you need to speak to a member of staff, please contact the Office and they will pass a message on to the relevant person and arrange a phone call back.

Scooters can be very useful - however we do not allow these to be ridden on site. Please remember to collect scooters as you enter the site at Raeburn Road gates as you will not be permitted to walk against the flow of parents and children to collect scooters.

Please note that the Early Years Centre is already operating their own one way system and this will continue.

Parking is always an issue for schools - be mindful of our local residents and ensure your parking is safe for our children.

Our staggered times for arrival and dismissal are unchanged.

	Arrival	Dismissal
Morning Nursery	8:45am	11:45am
Afternoon Nursery	12:30pm	3:30pm
Reception	8:40am	3:15pm
Years 1 and 2	8:50am	3:10pm
Years 3 and 4	8:50am	3:20pm
Years 5 and 6	9:00am	3:30pm

*4AY will be dismissed via the Community Room doors

In KS2, where space is more limited, parents are permitted to wait on the KS2 playground. This will ease congestion outside the KS2 classrooms.

4AY will now be dismissed via the Community Room doors to reduce congestion with Year 4 pupils at the Main KS2 Exit doors.



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Please note that all children must be collected by a responsible adult (aged 16 years or over). If Year 5 and Year 6 pupils have consent to leave school alone, they will continue to be dismissed via Raeburn Road gates once all other parents have moved through that area.

Neither parents nor pupils will be allowed to enter the site through Wimperis Way and must not go against the flow of the one way system. We will not make any exceptions to this unless it has been pre-arranged and agreed with the Head of School directly. If you have a disability that impacts you adhering to the one way system, please contact postbox@pheasey.org.uk

HEALTH AND SAFETY

As a school we are following all government guidelines to secure the safety and well being of our pupils during their time in school.

Current guidance is that staff and pupils who are clinically extremely vulnerable should not attend for the time being. Please notify us if your child is in this category and we have not yet been informed.

Schools and workplaces are required to be following the COVID Secure guidance which we have done. This includes a regular cleaning programme, re-organisation of rooms and activities for social distancing, lots of outdoor time, well-ventilated rooms, minimal sharing of resources, staggered times and a frequent hand washing programme. We will continue to ensure all precautions are rigorously in place and children are educated and reminded about this. For children on medication our usual policy will apply- staff will be aware and they will have access to their medication when required. For temporary medication, for example antibiotics, parents will need to bring these to the School Office to complete paperwork. Parents must then drop the medication to the School Office each morning and collect from the School Office each afternoon as signatures will be required. Please be mindful of the one way system when accessing the School Office.

CURRICULUM

Our priority is to get the children safely back into school and into their routines. We will naturally provide pastoral support either in classes, groups or individually as appropriate and will nurture the social relationships that children have been missing. We will be putting catch up programmes of work in place for children where this is needed and reading books will be sent home.



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Children may continue to wear their PE Kit to school on their PE day and please can I remind parents that jumpers and joggers should now be plain and navy. Unfortunately, we are still unable to facilitate swimming in school at the moment. We are pleased to inform you that children who have been accessing Music lessons with our peripatetic staff this year will be able to continue these from Monday, 8th March. Please ensure children have their instruments in school on the relevant day.

TUCK and LUNCH ARRANGEMENTS

Further to parental feedback, we have now changed the system to purchase tuck or children in Year 1- 6. To avoid parents needing to find correct change each day and to avoid the handling of money by parents, children and staff, we have moved all tuck purchases to SIMS Pay. This is another step towards being a completely cashless school.

If you would like your child to receive tuck at morning break, please make any purchases by 8.00am on the Monday morning of each week. Tuck options per day can be found on SIMS Pay within Fees and Subs. Purchases should be completed by this time for the entire week. Purchases for each week will open on SIMS Pay at 3.30pm on a Friday and will close at 8.00am on the Monday. We are unfortunately unable to add on late orders. Any tuck that is ordered via SIMS Pay will continue to be delivered to the children in their classrooms ready for morning break.

Lunch arrangements remain unchanged and children will have the option to bring a packed lunch or order a school meal each day. Please can we remind parents that the price of a school meal increased to £2.20 in January. Please can all parents with children in Years 3 - 6 check their child's SIMS Pay account as a number of children do have an outstanding amount on their account. If you are experiencing difficulties in making a payment, please contact the School Office.

UPCOMING DATES and EVENTS

Science week: 8th - 14th March

Children will take part in additional science activities during the week.

Celebrating Census Day: Thursday 18th March

Children will take part in activities relating to this important 10 year event.

Red Nose Day: Friday 19th March

Children will be allowed to come into school wearing an item of red clothing and make a £1 donation to charity. Further information to follow.



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May we take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers for the support they have given to their children during this lockdown period. It will not have been easy, but there has been an overwhelming response to the live lessons and remote learning which will have allowed the children to keep regular contact with their class teachers and classmates, which is so incredibly important.

Children, we are very proud of you and we are very much looking forward to seeing everyone again on March 8th.

Until then, take care and thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs S. Arnold
Head of School

