



Friday 17th September 2021

Dear parents and carers,

Following our COVID review yesterday evening I write to you with some updates. Thank you once again for your efforts in the first few weeks, you have really helped us to get the school year off to a fabulous start! The Governing Body & PVPS Team are appreciative.

What will stay the same:

- **Classes at the time will still operate as bubbles- being a one form entry primary school this happens fairly naturally.**
- **Lunches will still be in classrooms, the main hall will still not be used and assemblies will take place in class or in phases online.**
- **Punctuality & attendance will be closely monitored to ensure that children have a conducive start to the school day and make optimum progress.**

What will change:

- **In the morning children within families/ childcare groups can enter either gate from 8-45am- 8-55am. Both gates will close at 9am which is when a child will be classed as late. *As usual I will be on the front gate & Mrs Gaulton will be present on the back gate.***
- **Children will come onto the school grounds by themselves in the morning (they are used to this already) & will know where to meet their class teachers, LSA's & peers. All staff will be present to support a safe and reassuring start and minimise numbers on site. *This arrangement will ensure that that the start of the day is swift for learning and allow parents to get on with their day; the children will adapt to this new routine quickly.***

- **At the end of the day** the gates will open from 3-05pm. Parents/ Carers can come on site to collect. This will enable you to safely collect your children across the classes and touch base with staff. *If you have an older child who walks home or meets you, then this arrangement can continue.*
- We ask you to wait in the area that has been designated for your youngest child **(See below)**. These areas will be signposted until they become familiar.
- We would ask that you wait at a safe distance from other adults and respect others who continue to wear a mask for additional protection.
- Please try to use the same entrance onto the school site, this will help staff to 'match up' children and families. Within a few days I'm sure the new routines will embed.
- The children in **N,R,Y1 & Y2** will be dismissed at 3-10pm. The children in **Y3,Y4,Y5 & Y6** will be dismissed at 3-15pm.
 - *All children should be collected by 3-20pm.*
- *As timings are once again narrowed we ask that families travel safely to and from school and park safely and considerably.*
- *At this time children in Year 5 & 6 may cycle to school and leave bikes in the bike shed. No scooters are to be ridden/ left on the school premises.*
 - **N- In N play area**
 - **R -In R play area**
 - **Y1 -Under Orange 'Pod'**
 - **Y2 – By 'Wall Art' & frog bins**
 - **Y3- By the bike sheds**
 - **Y4- Upper playground by nearest goal post**
 - **Y5- Upper playground behind the far goal post**
 - **Y6- Under Green 'Pod'**
- **School trips-** As before the summer these will continue and new dates/ opportunities will emerge if not already. As before a small number of parents can join the class on the understanding that a negative LFT is shared (with the management team the night before the trip), mask wearing takes place on transport/ enclosed spaces and that appropriate distance is kept. *As before please register parental volunteer interest with the class teacher and names will be pulled out of a hat.*

- *We ask politely that admin communication continues to take place by e-mail and over the phone. Our team as you know will be only too happy to help. This again minimises contact and helps to keep our school COVID safe. Any late lunches/ equipment can still be dropped in the black box on the inside of the PVPS gate.*
- *In the next 2 weeks you can expect more calendar dates for your diary and we will be re-launching our refreshed school website.*
- *Any meetings in school with key staff are to be pre-arranged and approved by the leadership team.*

On Monday we welcome back Mrs Gaulton after her COVID isolation period. I'm sure you will agree the Year 1 team have been amazing at ensuring your children are well looked after. A big thank you to Mrs Hall for leading on Year 1 support.

Thank you to those that have shown interest in our new 'Jets' club run by Progressive Sports. Further details will be by Progressive to secure your booking. Mr Judge our SBM will be in touch later today.

We will further evaluate COVID safety closer to half term as we seek advice and look at the regional & national picture. Hopefully now we can further 'get on' with the normal running of a school and enjoy the 'fun stuff' that will take us into the festive break.

Thank you as ever for your patience and trust in our decision making and endeavours.



Yours sincerely,

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