



# Park Primary School

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“Park Primary School continues to be good. It has a strong sense of purpose and buzz of excitement that characterise the school’s industrious and happy atmosphere.” OFSTED – May 2018

## New Academic Year Welcome

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, it is that time of year again when we see lots of photos of children in school uniforms stood on the front doorstep appearing over our social media! May I be one of the first to say either “Welcome Back to Park” or “Welcome to Park” – it is great to be back.

Staff have been working really hard over the last three days to ensure we have the most successful year possible. We are all super excited to see and meet your children again on Monday.

### So, what will Monday look like?

For our pupils, school will seem ‘like normal’ ie pre March 2020 – this will be great. But to us adults, things haven’t gone back to ‘normal’, we are very much working slowly, steadily and safely to ensure the safest possible start to the year for your children, yourselves and also ourselves.

### Start of the day arrangements.

- School starts at 8.55am and our gates open at 8.45am until 8.55am.
- We will continue to use three school gates;
  1. the normal school gate into the playground from the front of the school
  2. the gate directly from the park
  3. the Foundation Stage gate
- Children will be dropped off at the school gate(s)
- Only one adult bringing children in to school please – this is to reduce numbers

### End of the day arrangements

- School gates will be open from 3.10pm
- Only one parent should collect children and be on the school grounds
- School finishes at:-
  - 3.15pm: Foundation 2/Reception – Collect from the classroom doors
  - 3.15pm: Key Stage One (Year 1 and Year 2) – Collect from the classroom doors
  - 3.20pm: Key Stage Two (Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6) – Collect from behind the green fence
  - 3.30pm: Foundation One/Nursery – From the classroom door
- Once you have collected your child(ren) please leave as soon as possible – again, this is to reduce numbers on school grounds

### Is there parking at the school?

- The car park is a staff car park and for Park Primary staff only.
- As the building work on the new housing on Love Lane has started there are likely to be no spaces to park or drop off on Love Lane.
- I strongly urge as many people as possible to walk to school. If that is not possible, to park close to school and walk the rest of the way.

### **Do we need to wear face masks?**

- At the moment we are not asking parents/carers to wear face masks, although please feel free to do so.
- However, we are asking parents/carers to maintain social distance between each other as before.
- However, we may ask you to wear a face mask if you come in to school.

### **What's happening about PE kits and school uniform?**

- Please continue to send your child to school in their PE kits on the day they do PE. White shirt and black shorts or leggings or jogging bottoms.
  - Monday: Year 5
  - Tuesday: Foundation 1 and Year 3
  - Wednesday: Foundation 2 and Year 4
  - Thursday: Year 1 and Year 2
  - Friday: Year 6

### **What does my child need to bring to school?**

- All they need is a coat and if they are having packed lunch, a packed lunch
- Please leave toys at home. A couple of parents have asked about 'fiddle toys' for their children. We know these help many children, but please leave these at home. We have a huge variety of things to aid pupil's concentration and are happy to provide these. Please contact your child's teacher to discuss this.
- We are giving all our pupils a brand new water bottle on Monday. Your child is welcome to bring these in everyday filled with water. Please remember, only water, no juice is allowed.

### **COVID**

#### **What happens if my child is symptomatic?**

If your child is showing any COVID-19 symptoms, you should take them for a PCR test ASAP.

#### **If my child's dad tests positive for COVID, does my child need to isolate?**

No. This is the new way forward.

They should get a PCR test to check. But they should be in school unless they themselves are showing symptoms.

#### **Do we need to contact school if my child or a member of the household tests positive?**

Yes please, we will need to know why your child is off school. But it will be useful to know if a household member is positive so we can keep an eye on your child.

Finally, it is with super mixed emotions that I let you know at the end of October, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Keown. Mrs Keown will be leaving Park to pursue her career and pastures new at Crea8ing Careers. So, we may still be seeing her, but maybe not as frequently!

This has meant a slight change to our staffing. Mrs N. Smith will now move in to Foundation 2 and work alongside Mrs A. Smith.

As always, thanks for your support and commitment; working together to help each other thrive and stay safe. Have a lovely weekend and see you on Monday between 8.45am and 8.55am!

Mr M Mellin

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### Summary and Actions

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	School starts on Monday (6 <sup>th</sup> September)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Gates open at 8.45am - 8.55am
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Only one adult dropping off and collecting
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Face masks can be worn, but we are not requesting you to wear one. However, adults must keep a social distance
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Collection times; 3.15pm F2 and KS1, 3.20pm KS2, 3.30pm F1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	All children should be in school unless they themselves are symptomatic or have COVID

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