

7th September 2020

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Park Grove Primary School and a special welcome to our new families.

After speaking to all of the staff today, a few things have been discussed which I wanted to draw your attention to.

Drop off and pick up

Firstly, it is absolutely essential that you all understand that we are working in three bubbles:

- Bubble one EYFS and KS1 (Class 1 4)
- Bubble two Lower KS2 (Class 5 and 6)
- Bubble three Upper KS2 (Class 7 9)

The children cannot mix with any child outside their bubble (except for siblings). Therefore, they cannot be in the playground before or after school to stay and play.

Only one parent or carer is allowed to come on to the playground to drop off their children and pick up. We ask that you leave the school grounds as soon as you pick up.

Communication with teachers can happen by phone, Bloomz or email. Please don't ask teachers to chat with you in person.

If we have a suspected case of Covid, we have to close the school for the whole bubble for 14 days so we are doing everything we can to stop any chance of passing on the virus.

All information about drop off and pick up has already been sent to you in July and then again last week, so please read it in advance of tomorrow.

Warm clothes

At the moment, we have to keep windows open for maximum ventilation. Please make sure that the children come dressed in warm clothes.

Water bottles

We can't let the children share cups so please make sure children come to school with a labelled water bottle.



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Lost property

If you think you may have left anything behind from last term, please ring the office and we will look for it for you. We will be disposing of lost property by the end of the week because we sent several reminders last term.

Visiting the office

We would ask that you keep communication to phone calls, Bloomz and email. However, if you need to urgently see a member of the office team, please use the front door. Only one person at a time will be allowed into the foyer and only if they are wearing a mask. It is vital that we keep our staff safe in order to keep the school open for the children.

Changes until half term

As part of our risk assessment, we have had to make some changes to ensure we have social distancing measures in place.

Until half term (and possibly longer) there will be:

- No library sessions
- No after school clubs
- No assemblies
- No reading books or paper copies of homework sent home (online homework will be optional and will follow soon)

We are still waiting to hear about swimming. Class 7 will go first and more information will follow as and when children are allowed to go.

Some good news

I am delighted to announce that Mrs Hearson and Mrs Martin have been promoted from Assistant Head Teachers to Deputy Head Teachers. This is a very well deserved step up. A huge thanks to them for all of their hard work up until this point.

I realise that this letter has been a set of instructions and not the usual welcome back you normally receive but I'm sure you understand that our number one priority is keeping the school open so that we can continue to educate the children.

We can't wait to see you tomorrow.

Best wishes

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