



**Pawlett Primary
School Academy**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Next week, starting on the 8th June, our school will be reopening more fully to children from Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 although we may need to keep an eye on numbers due to social distancing guidelines and the size of our classrooms (as well as children of key workers, and any other children with Educational Health Care Plans). **If you require a space from the 8th June please ensure that you have completed the survey or made direct contact with us.**

We understand that this may be an anxious time as we embark on the next stage of journey through this experience together. We have taken many measures to reduce risk to our children, their families and our staff but we can't eliminate risk entirely. You must make the final decision as to whether to send your child back.

To ensure the safety of all children and adults coming into school, from **MONDAY 8th JUNE** onwards we will have a staggered start and end to the day.

Year group	Drop Off	Pick up
Key worker children	8:45 - 8:55	3:05 – 3:15
Yr 1	8:55 - 9:05	2:45 – 2:55
EYFS and Y6	9:05 - 9:15	2:55 - 3:05

Any child who has not informed us that their child will be coming to school on Monday needs to let us know ASAP (info@ppsa.theplt.org.uk).

Adults dropping children at school will be expected to drop their child at the white gate, at this time no visitors are allowed to come onto the school site. Please adhere to the 2 metre rule when waiting to drop your children off at school.



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As normal, you can drop off and collect your child at the white gates and children will be guided to where they wash their hands (both on arrival at school, throughout the day and prior to leaving at the end of the day). Our gate will have staff managing them to ensure no child leaves and that the gate is locked following the arrival of the group attending. Please make all contact via email or phone, the office will respond between 8:15am and 3:15pm.

If your child is poorly for any reason, please **do not** send them to school. If your child becomes poorly during the school day, you will be notified and asked to collect your child immediately.

Your child will need to bring a named water bottle, a packed lunch if needed and a hat as we will be outside as much as possible. Please apply sunscreen **before** your child arrives at school as we are unable to do this. Currently our school kitchen is not open for ordering of meals, however we aim to ensure that from as soon as possible you will be able to order a 'packed lunch' meal, more information about this will be sent out soon. Those children who are entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals will receive a packed lunch as normal. Those in receipt of Free School Meal vouchers are expected to provide a packed lunch for their child.

For those children not attending school, virtual learning via Google Classrooms and Tapestry will continue as it has done throughout Term 5. However as staff are back in school, response time may be longer than before – but we will respond!

Thank you for all of your support to ensure that these new processes work successfully. We have to follow these new measures to be able to open the school as safely as possible. We promise to do our very best to ease children back into school with love and care. We need to do this in a way that protects both them and the heroic staff who have worked tirelessly throughout lockdown to serve our community. If you have any queries, then please do not hesitate to contact us.

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From Monday 8th June:

From Monday 8th June we will be open to key worker and vulnerable children as well as children in Reception, Year One and Year Six. We will open from Monday ~ Thursday and we will **close to all children apart from key workers by 12:45pm on Friday**. This will enable us to ensure a deep clean is made of our school whilst also ensuring staff have capacity to continue to provide on line learning opportunities for children not in school.

In order to make any return as safe as possible for pupils, parents and staff, we will be putting in place new procedures and routines in our school. This will be kept under constant review.

Groupings & School Day:

Children will be grouped in to class 'bubbles' of less than 15 as per Government guidance. The aim is for these children to remain in their 'class bubble' for lessons, playtimes and lunchtimes. As far as is possible, the same staff will remain with each 'bubble' of children each day.

Arrival/Departure:

Arrival time will be extended from between 8.45 and 9.15am. This will allow for as much staggered arrival as possible. Adults accompanying the child/children to/from school will not be allowed into the school building are expected to observe social distancing procedures. Departure time will be extended between 2:45 and 3.15pm. See above for specific time.

Uniform:

Children do not need to wear school uniform. It is recommended that comfortable, easy to wash clothes are worn with shoes that are safe to move around in. Please don't bring anything else into school - book bags/PE kits/toys etc.

Behaviour expectations:

In addition to our normal behaviour expectations of respect yourself, respect others and respect the environment we will be encouraging physical/social-distancing between everyone on site at all times. Although we will encourage distancing where possible, this is an unrealistic expectation particularly with our younger children. There will be expectations for frequent hand-washing and enhanced hygiene for everyone on site with hand sanitizers also being available.



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Lunches:

For the start of Term 6 will be providing a 'packed lunch' meal for children who are entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals. Free School Meal children will continue to receive vouchers via Edenred and are expected to bring in a packed lunch from home. Other children will need to bring a packed lunch and water bottle to school – please name these clearly. Lunches will be eaten in classrooms/'bubbles' or outside (weather permitting). Lunch times will be supervised by normal lunch time staff where possible; however, your child may be supervised by a different member of staff where necessary.

Toilets:

Where possible, each bubble will have assigned toilets. However, please be aware that in reality this will be unmanageable and unrealistic to supervise. Children will use the toilets individually as much as is possible. As stated, there will be enhanced cleaning, but it will not be possible to clean toilets (or any area) after every use.

First Aid:

There will be allocated first aiders on site. They will be provided with PPE (Personal Protection Equipment) as they will need to be in close contact with your children. Isolation area: As advised by government guidelines we have created an 'Isolation Area' where any child displaying symptoms of COVID 19 (or other illnesses) can be 'quarantined' and will need to be collected from school immediately. Please make sure you provide up-to-date contact details to school. The child will be supervised in this area by first aid trained staff (where possible) wearing PPE. Any child that displays any of the 3 known symptoms of COVID 19 (new persistent cough, a high temperature or a loss or change to sense of smell) will be moved to the 'isolation area'. Any child that displays as unwell (non-COVID 19 related) will be moved apart from the other children in their bubble. Please do not send your child into school if they are displaying any symptoms of any illness.

Please note: If any member of a school bubble displays symptoms, at home or in school, the child or adult in question will need to access a COVID 19 test. If the test is positive then school must be informed and all members of that 'bubble' and their household will need to isolate at home for fourteen days as per government advice.

Curriculum:



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The government have asked schools to develop a reduced curriculum for the remainder of the academic year. This is to help children work as independently as possible, rather than collaboratively or with close adult contact. Staff have selected areas of the curriculum most suited to outdoor learning or individual learning where possible. Unfortunately, there will be no 'special' events (e.g. Y6 leaving celebrations), visitors in school of any kind or trips. Teachers will continue to maintain learning on Google Classrooms and Tapestry until the end of the summer term.

Health and Safety:

We will make every effort to make our schools as safe as possible for everyone. We have completed stringent risk assessments and thorough planning. The changes we have made include:

- Increased signage and verbal reminders to encourage social-distancing.
- Enhanced cleaning and hygiene regimes.
- As per Government guidance, a great deal of 'normal' equipment, resources, soft furnishings have been removed from use.
- Children will have their own resources within their bubbles. Resources will be carefully allocated and restricted. Wherever possible children will not share any resources; as previously noted however, this cannot be guaranteed for any child.
- Lunches will be delivered to and eaten in own bubbles, either outside or in classrooms.
- Specific play 'zones' for each bubble of children.
- No assemblies/collective worships, visitors or trips; unfortunately, this will mean there will be no Year 6 Leavers' Assembly.
- Only essential (maintenance, health & safety, etc) visitors will access site and adhere to strict COVID-19 guidance/safety.
- Families will need to contact our school office via phone or email.

All staff will endeavour to encourage children to follow all of the above 'rules' as best they can and I would like to ask you – if you are intending to send your child in – to have a frank and honest conversation with your child about how school will look and operate when they return. The Academy will not (and cannot) be like it was before the lockdown. We care for everyone in our community and all the above measures have been put in place to keep everyone as safe as possible. Attendance during Term 6 is not compulsory and the Local Authority will not be issuing fines for non-attendance.



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