



## Pawlett Primary School Academy

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### **Back to school plans**

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, we welcome back all pupils and we are really looking forward to seeing you all. The start of a new school can be a little nerve wracking, for us all (believe me staff do not sleep well the night before term starts!) but it is also very exciting. This year even more so as it has been a long time since many of our children have been in school at all. We have been busy over the summer making sure our Covid protective measures are in place.

In order to keep children and staff as safe as possible, we will be adhering closely to government guidelines by following our new routines and procedures which focus on minimising social mixing, social distancing, vigorous and regular hand washing, respiratory hygiene and enhanced learning. By following our routines and procedures we are able to open our school in the safest way possible considering everyone's health and wellbeing whilst allowing us to offer our rich and exciting curriculum for our pupils.

Please see the link to the gov.uk/backtoschool:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak?utm\\_source=25%20August%202020%20C19&utm\\_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm\\_campaign=DfE%20C19](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak?utm_source=25%20August%202020%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19)

### **Attendance**

From September, school attendance is mandatory. All children are expected to be in school unless they are ill. If you have any concerns about your child returning to school, we want to work closely with you to support their return and to reassure you about the protective measure we are taking to reduce risks. Please do get in touch with us to discuss any concerns you may have.

### **Illness**

To keep everyone safe, any children who show any signs of Covid related illness should not be sent into school. They should self-isolate at home along with other members of the family for 10 days. Please inform the school immediately and arrange a test. Please let the school know the result of the test as soon as possible. If you or your children are in contact with a person who has had a positive result, please do not send your children to school and inform us immediately. If your child displays any symptoms in school,



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they will be isolated from the rest of their bubble and you will be asked to collect them as soon as possible. It is therefore very important that your contact details are up to date. Please contact the office if you believe your details need updating.

### School Day

To ensure the safety of all children and adults coming into school, from **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September** onwards we will have an altered start and end to the day. We are opening the gates from 8:30am to allow siblings to be dropped off at the same time, regardless of class. The register in each class will be taken at 9:00am. At the end of the day we are offering a pick up window for 30 mins, again to allow the collection of siblings from different year groups. It is suggested that if you can drop your child off by 8:30am – then pick up at 3:00, alternatively if you can drop off at 8:45 – pick up at 3:15pm so children do not miss any essential learning time.

Year group	Drop Off Window	Pick up Window
Heron Class (EYFS*/Year 1)	8:30 – 9:00am	3:00 – 3:30pm
Kestrel Class (Year 2/3)		
Buzzard Clas (Years 4, 5 & 6)		

New Reception children in Heron class for week 1 of Term 1 can drop their children off at 9:00am and collection as outlined in the welcome packs.

For children of Heron and Kestrel Class, you can drop off and collect your child from the playground, Buzzard Class, at the white gates. At this time no visitors are allowed to come onto the school site. Please adhere to the social distancing rules when waiting to drop/collect your children at school.

Children will wash their hands when arriving at school, before leaving school, before and after break times, before and after lunchtime and of course after using the toilet. Cleaning hands thoroughly and regularly is the single most effective way to prevent transmission of Covid-19. Where possible all children will wash their hands with soap and water. Where this is not possible hand sanitiser will be provided.

At PPSA our classes will act as bubbles. Children will spend their day within their class bubbles. Each bubble has a large designated outdoor space in which to learn, eat lunch (if dry) relax and play. There will



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be an allocated Play Leader at lunch time for each class bubble. Children will not be mixing with the rest of the school for lunches or assembly which will continue to be held in the classrooms. Wherever possible, each bubble will be taught by the same staff.

### What will my child need?

From September, children will be expected to wear full and correct school uniform. We are proud of our uniform and it plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of our school and setting an appropriate tone. Uniforms do not need to be cleaned any more often than usual. Children are expected to bring in their PE kits to school at the start of term and leave it in school for the term (unless additional washing is required during term time). Children will be given books to take home which will be changed on Mondays and Fridays allowing for a quarantine period in between. Please do not send anything else in with your child e.g. toys.

Pabulum, our catering supplier based at TKASA, will be providing free packed lunches for all children in Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and those in receipt of Free School Meals for the start of Term 1. **All** other children will need to bring in a packed lunch and a water bottle from home. We hope to be able to give you an update in September as to when their hot meal service will commence.

Please only bring small bags (e.g. book bags) into school as we need to ensure as much space is available in corridors etc. as possible.

We are unable to offer after-school clubs for Term 1, we will keep a close eye on guidance and hopefully be able to by Term 2, more details will be available as Term 1 progresses.

I appreciate that returning to school could be an anxious time for some, however I would like to reassure you that full consideration has been taken to ensure utmost safety for children and staff on our full return. We will be closely monitoring potentially changeable situations. I am genuinely delighted that we are able to open up our wonderful learning environment to all children and I for one can't wait to see everyone. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us on [info@ppsa.theplt.org.uk](mailto:info@ppsa.theplt.org.uk). We truly appreciate the community of Pawlett Primary School Academy more than ever.

Many thanks,  
Emma Barker

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