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Back to school plans

Dear Parents and Carers,

Next week, **Monday 8th March**, we can welcome back all pupils and we are really looking forward to seeing everyone. Returning to school may be a little nerve wracking for some, but it is also very exciting. Even though it feels like forever since we were all physically in school, I feel we have all been together (virtually) even more so since hosting our live check-ins. We have remained vigilant since January making sure our Covid protective measures are up to date as the safety of our children and staff are of paramount importance to us.

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 cleaning. 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

Attendance

From March 8th, 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 **Monday 8th March** onwards we will continue with the drop off and pick windows, the same as we did in terms 1 & 2. 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 take at 9:00am. Please ensure that everyone is in school by 9am at the latest. At the end of the day we are offering a pick up window for 15 mins, again to allow the collection of siblings from different year groups.

Year group	Drop Off Window	Pick up
Heron Class (EYFS*/Year 1)	8:30 – 9:00am	3:15pm
Kestrel Class (Year 2/3)		
Buzzard Clas (Years 4, 5 & 6)		

Kestrel Class (Y2 & 3) children can be dropped off and collected from the side gate outside the classroom.

For children of Heron Class (YR & Y1) and Buzzard Class (Y4, 5 & 6), you can drop off and collect your child from 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 and continue to wear a mask.

Children will wash their hands when arriving at school, before leaving school, 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 have a large designated outdoor space in which to learn, eat lunch (if dry) relax and play. There will 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.



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What will my child need?

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 next week and leave it in school for the remainder of 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 from 8th March. For the 1st week back we will follow the menu selection that you have previously selected for your child at the start of term 3. You will receive a new menu selection next week for the start of week commencing 15th March. All other children will need to bring in a packed lunch and a water bottle from home. We are hopeful that we will be able to provide hot meals again later in the school year, depending on Government guidance. Free school meal vouchers will only be available if your child is unable to attend school due to self-isolating.

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 the remainder of Term 4. We will keep a close eye on guidance and hopefully be able to by Term 5 or 6, more details will be available in Term 4.

Hometesting for households and bubbles of school pupils

About 1 in 3 people with coronavirus do not have symptoms but can still pass it on to others. Regular testing of people without symptoms is important to help stop the virus spreading. The Government are now expanding their rapid lateral flow testing scheme to include members of households, child care or support bubbles of school age children. If you would like to find out more information or would like to arrange test kits for your household then please follow this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff?priority-taxon=774cee22-d896-44c1-a611>



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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 upmost safety for children and staff will be maintained 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. We truly appreciate the community of Pawlett Primary School Academy more than ever.

Many thanks,

Emma Barker