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New Park Primary Opening - September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are hugely excited to welcome all the children back to school in September, and especially keen to meet our new starters in Nursery and Reception!

Our plans for opening to all children have been scrutinised by the New Park Governing Body and the NSAT executive team. The local and national picture may change during the Summer holidays and I will write to confirm these arrangements before the 9th September. We will be hard at work during the Summer preparing the school site and classrooms and I will share photos on the school Facebook and Twitter accounts on 7th and 8th September that you can use to prepare your child for their first day back.

For the children, it will largely be business as usual and we are confident that they will not notice too much out of the ordinary during the school day. The most visible differences will be at the start / end of the day and at lunchtimes.

Unfortunately, the Coronavirus pandemic means that school will look very different for you as parents and carers. You will not be able to enter the school site and will have to drop children off at the gates. I am saddened to say that we will not be able to run our full programme of after-school clubs, family breakfasts, open mornings, parents' evening, bingo night, class exhibitions and other events. It also looks unlikely that our theatre trip and school nativity performance will be able to go ahead in December.

In order to reduce the risk of transmission at school, we will be operating four phase-group 'bubbles'. Children will not mix outside of these bubbles at any point during the school day. Each bubble has its own section of the school building and playground to use and their own block of toilets. The children will enter and exit the site, play outside, eat lunch and learn alongside the others in their bubble. The four bubbles are:

1. Early Years (Nursery and Reception – Mrs Brett and Miss Foster)
2. Year 1/2 (Miss Cornelius and Mrs Umpleby)
3. Year 3/4 (Miss Barker and Mrs Constable)
4. Year 5/6 (Mr Pratt and Miss Watson)

The bubbles have their own entrances and we are altering the times of the school day to minimise the chances of children mixing between bubbles

Bubble	School day	Entrance & Exit
Nursery	9:00 – 3:00	Via main gates on Skipton Road
Reception	9:00 – 3:30	Via main gates on Skipton Road
Y1/2	8:45 – 3:15	Via main gates on Skipton Road
Y3/4	8:45 – 3:15	Via main gates on West Street
Y5/6	9:00 – 3:30	Via main gates on West Street

(Service children who arrive by bus will be escorted into school by staff)

Children should be brought and collected from school by one adult. There will be sets of yellow footprints to indicate where you should stand and wait, please help to maintain social distancing when queuing. Teachers will be by the gates and the children will enter one at a time. We will not be able to hold conversations with parents at the start/end of the day and these will need to take place by phone.

At lunchtimes children with packed lunches will be able to eat these outside in their playground zone (every phase has a covered area). Children who are having school dinners will be taken into the dining hall for a 30 minute slot to ensure that bubbles do not mix. The youngest children will eat first at 11:45, with Y5/6 waiting until 12:30 to be served hot dinners.

The government have announced that **school attendance is compulsory** from September and you should send your child to school. Children should come to school in their uniform and bring a coat and water bottle each day as we will be spending more time outdoors. We are taking these measures to make our school as safe as it can be for your child. Our curriculum plans for September are built around supporting the children to settle into their new classes and catch-up on lost learning.

During the Coronavirus outbreak it is vitally important that children follow social distancing rules within school. These are shared with all children daily with repeated reminders throughout the day. If children choose not to or are unable to follow these rules then a risk assessment will be drawn up to determine what mitigations need to be put in place. If there are wilful repeated breaches of social distancing the full range of sanctions, including exclusions will be considered. This will always be a last resort.

We look forward to seeing you all on the 9th September. Please contact the office if you have any further questions.

Mr Mold

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From September 9th New Park Primary will open to all children. We will be following the government guidance and implementing a system of controls to keep all children, staff and families safe.

Prevention:

1. Minimise contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend school

Suspected cases

- If you or your child becomes unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature (above 37.8C), or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of smell or taste, **do not send them to school.**
- If your child develops these symptoms whilst at school, you will be contacted and asked to collect them (along with any siblings) immediately. You will be given instructions on how to order a test for your child and should self-isolate for 14 days. See guidance here:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>
- The classroom will be thoroughly cleaned before the rest of the children go back into it

2. Clean hands thoroughly more often than usual

- We have hand sanitiser units at all entrances/exits for the children. Children will wash their hands when they arrive and before the leave, as well as before and after break and lunch
- We recommend children wash their hands as soon as they arrive home

3. Ensure good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach

- All children will be taught to 'catch it, bin it, kill it' in the first week of school, along with regular reminders throughout the school day and in PSHE lessons
- In KS2, every child will have their own pack of tissues. In EYFS and KS1, there will be multiple boxes for children to use if they need to cough or wipe/blow their nose
- Pedal bins have been installed in every classroom for the safe disposal of tissues
- Classroom bins are emptied throughout the school day

4. Introduce enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces often, using standard products such as detergents and bleach

- We have appointed a cleaner to clean classrooms, toilets and contact points throughout the school day
- Extra cleaning will also take place at the end of every day

5. Minimise contact between individuals and maintain social distancing wherever possible

- The overriding principal is for children to be separated from other bubbles throughout the school day
- In Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 children will have an assigned seating space with desks set out in rows. They will have their own set of resources and books. Some resources will be shared amongst the bubble and these will be cleaned at the end of the day
- Younger children will share resources in their classrooms and these will be cleaned at the end of the day
- Children can bring essential equipment to school such as a bag, lunch box, a full water bottle, hat, coat and reading books
- Each bubble has their own block of toilets
- The school playgrounds have been divided into areas for each bubble. Each bubble has its own set of playground equipment to use. The children will be playing outside at the same time but will not come into close contact
- Lunchtimes will be staggered so that bubbles stay socially distanced when eating in the hall. Children with packed lunches will be able to eat outside
- Assemblies will be delivered in phases or over Microsoft Teams

6. Where necessary, wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE)

- Currently, advice is for children and staff not to wear face coverings in school. If your child wears a reusable mask to school, they will need to bring a plastic bag to store it in during the day
- When administering first aid or intimate care, cleaning, or dealing with a child with symptoms of COVID-19, school staff will wear PPE consisting of gloves, apron, face mask and visor
- Adults in school may choose to wear visors when working in close proximity with children

Response to infection:

7. Engage with the NHS Test and Trace process

- Parents and carers will be encouraged to book a test if their child develops symptoms. Tests can be booked online through the NHS [testing and tracing for coronavirus website](#), or ordered by telephone via NHS 119
- Please inform school as soon as you receive your test result

8. Manage confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) amongst the school community

- When we become aware of a confirmed case in the school community, we will contact the local health protection team
- The health protection team will guide school through the actions we need to take
- All children and staff in the bubble will be sent home (and any others who came in close contact) and advised to self-isolate for 14 days since they were last in close contact with the infectious person

9. Contain any outbreak by following local health protection team advice

- If we have two or more confirmed cases within 14 days or a rise in sickness absence where coronavirus is suspected, the local health protection team may consider additional action including partial or full closure of the school



EYFS and Y1/2 entrance



Y3/4 and Y5/6 entrance