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### **New Park Primary Opening - September 2020**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had the opportunity to enjoy the Summer holidays. We are really looking forward to welcoming the children to school and have been working hard to make sure our processes and procedures are as safe as they can be. Following an extraordinary meeting of the governing body yesterday evening, I can now confirm our plans with you. Much of the detail is as it was in my July letter – and I have included this information below. You can also find a copy of the school risk assessment on our website.

#### **Drop-off and collecting children**

We have decided to allow parents access to the playgrounds to drop-off and collect children at the start and end of the day. This will allow us to maintain social distancing (especially important between adults) and will keep the children away from busy roads. A one-way system will be in effect and we ask all parents to help their children to follow the painted lines and signage around the site. You can see a diagram of the one-way system at the end of this document.

#### **Bubbles**

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 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 other children 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

<b>Bubble</b>	<b>School day</b>	<b>Entrance &amp; Exit</b>
<b>Nursery</b>	9:00 – 3:00	Via main gates on Skipton Road
<b>Reception</b>	9:00 – 3:30	Via main gates on Skipton Road
<b>Y1/2</b>	8:45 – 3:15	Via main gate and side gate on Skipton Road
<b>Y3/4</b>	8:45 – 3:15	Via main gates on West Street
<b>Y5/6</b>	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 only. School staff will be by the gates to direct you to the correct playground points, please follow the one way system as marked on the playground. Children will line up on the playground and enter the school building with their teachers. Please maintain social distancing from other families and school staff at all times. Teachers 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.

### **COVID-19 symptoms**

It is vitally important that no child with symptoms of COVID-19 or from a household with a confirmed case is sent into school. If a child develops symptoms whilst at school, we will contact you and expect you to collect your child as soon as possible. Once your child has had a negative test result, they will be able to return to school

### **Lunchtimes**

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.

### **Pastoral care**

We are determined to support all our children who have not attended school since March, or those who are starting their school lives with us for the first time. Many of the children will be excited to be back, to see their teachers and friends, to get stuck into learning and back into a familiar and comforting routine. Of course others may be more anxious about returning to school and how it might be different from the way they remember it. Please take the time to talk through these changes with your children before they start school. We have redesigned our curriculum to focus on supporting all the children over the first few weeks and school staff will ensure that your children fully understand the new routines in school. Expect to hear your children singing "happy birthday" every time they wash their hands at home! Whilst we are unable to have face-to-face conversations with you at this time, please contact the school office to arrange a telephone call with your child's teacher if they express any concerns next week.

### **Attendance**

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.

### **Social distancing**

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.

### Before and After-School Club

We are able to reopen our before and after-school club. Please make sure you arrive on time with your child as we will be collecting them from the school gates on West Street. The gates will be open from 7:45-8am for breakfast club and at 4:30 and 5:30pm for after-school club. The gates will be closed outside of these times.

I will be sharing photographs of our classrooms on our Facebook and Twitter pages next week for you to share with your children. We look forward to seeing you all on the 9<sup>th</sup> September. Please contact the office if you have any further questions.

Mr Mold



Y3/4, Y5/6 and Breakfast and After-School club entrance and exit



EYFS entrance and exit. Y1/2 entrance



Y1/2 exit



