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New Park Primary Opening – March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are thrilled to be welcoming all the children back to school from 8th March. Our procedures will be very similar to how they were in the Autumn term with the children staying in their phase 'bubbles' throughout the school day and a staggered/start end using the two entrances.

Whilst we expect most children will be excited to come back to school, we recognise that there will be others who are feeling anxious at this time, particularly those who have joined our school during lockdown and haven't met their teachers face-to-face yet. We are committed to helping children transition smoothly back into school and supporting them and you in any way we can. To that end, we are organising parent – teacher meetings via Microsoft Teams next week.

Parent / teacher meetings on 3rd or 4th March

These will look similar to parents' evening but instead of teachers updating parents on the children's progress, we need to hear from you! This is an opportunity for you to speak to the class teacher about your child's achievements over the last eight weeks, how they have coped with lockdown and remote learning and any concerns they might have about returning to school. If you would like to speak to your child's teacher, you can sign up for a slot via ParentMail when they go live at 6pm this evening. These appointments are not compulsory.

Coffee afternoons

Mr Mold will be hosting three more coffee afternoons online for parents to chat and ask any questions you might have about school reopening plans. These will be at 2pm on Weds 24th February, Mon 1st March and Weds 3rd March.

Secondary school places

Parents of children in Year 6 should receive an email with their secondary school allocation on Monday 1st March. North Yorkshire County Council usually send these emails out from 8am. If you have not heard anything by 1pm, please get in touch with the school office and we will check with admissions to confirm your child's offer.

BASC

I am pleased to announce that Breakfast and After-School Club will be running from 8th March onwards. As in September, we will collect children 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. If you require a place, please complete and return the form attached with this letter by 3rd March.

Mr Mold

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Drop-off and collecting children

Parents will continue to have 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.

Facemasks

Please wear a face covering at all times when on or near the school site. Children are not required to wear a mask.

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 (Mrs Pratt and Mrs Constable)
4. Year 5/6 (Mr Pratt and Miss Watson)

The bubbles have their own entrances and we are staggering 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 gate and side gate 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 only. School staff will be by the gates to direct you to the correct playground points, please follow the one-way system. 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 symptoms or 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 (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.

Attendance

The government have announced that **school attendance is compulsory** 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. If you have any concerns, please contact the school office and/or attend one of the coffee afternoons hosted by Mr Mold

Social distancing

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.

You can find a copy of the school risk assessment on our website (this will be updated prior to 8th March)



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



EYFS entrance and exit. Y1/2 entrance



Y1/2 exit

