

Dear Parents/Carers

September 2nd 2020

September has arrived and we are so excited to welcome all children back in school. These are strange times and our priority as a School is to ensure the SAFE return of our pupils. The staff have worked hard in preparing their classrooms making sure they are safe but importantly welcoming and exciting.

We wanted to take this opportunity to remind you of the measures we have taken in making the school safe in readiness for the your child's next stage of their journey at Northern Parade School.

Key Principles:

- Children will remain in their class bubble for the duration of the day.
- There will be Year Group playtimes, with each class bubble having their own area of the playground in order to avoid bubble groups mixing.
- Lunch will be eaten in classrooms (whether hot meal or packed lunch from home/school).
- Children will follow careful movement systems through corridors (walking on the left) and when in their classrooms to avoid any additional or unnecessary contact.
- Each class bubble will have toilets dedicated solely to them.
- Pupils will sit at tables, facing the front of the classroom to minimise face to face contact.
- Where possible we will be continuing our wide range of subjects so that we ensure our curriculum remains broad and ambitious, although this may be in slightly different ways,
- **Hand washing** will remain a crucial part of the school day. Pupils will be directed to wash their hands when they first enter their classroom and at regular times of the day
- All areas of the school will be thoroughly cleaned at the end of each day, along with other cleaning measures put in place during the school day.
- Children need not bring additional belongings or equipment into school. For example no pencil cases are required. The only exception are water bottles for the first 2 weeks while the school waits for the next delivery.
- Face coverings/masks do not need to be worn in school by children or staff. If pupils wear them on the way to school they should be removed immediately on entering the school site. Children will need to dispose of temporary face coverings in a covered bin or place reusable face coverings in a plastic bag they can take home with them.

Our High Expectations

- Full and correct **uniform** or PE kit must be worn at all times. The government guidance clearly states that more regular washing of clothes is no longer required therefore all aspects of our dress code, including smart hairstyles, must be adhered to from day one. **Please support us with this** - we do not want and shouldn't need to be having conversations with parents about uniform/jewellery/hair when we should be having them about their well-being and learning.
- The Government has made explicit that **attendance** is compulsory for all pupils from September. We believe we have taken all steps to mitigate risk so do expect your child to be in school. Please discuss any anxieties or concerns with us so that we can address them.
- **Punctuality** will be even more important under these circumstances as it is essential

your child arrives within the 10 minute window allocated to their bubble.

- Good **behaviour** from every child will be essential in our plans to keep everyone safe. We will expect everyone to comply with the new expectations, particularly on movement around school and remaining within their class group bubble. An addendum to our behaviour policy has been written. We expect full support from parents with this as we can not and will not have anyone compromise the health and wellbeing of anyone else.

Procedures when entering and exiting the school grounds:

- **Children will have a Staggered Start and End Times** for each Class (bubble group). We ask that pupils do not arrive outside of these staggered times. This information can be found on the school website. Go to the Parents tab on the home page and follow links from letters to parents for your child's class
- Children will enter the classroom through the outside classroom door. Members of staff will support and direct children ensuring that pupils are settled in the classroom environment.
- When arriving to collect your child we ask that you stick to the allocated staggered time slot to avoid high numbers of parents gathering at gates.



We ask that parents when dropping off and collecting their children please move away from the gate entrance quickly and maintain the rules of social distancing.

Illness/Symptomatic of Covid-19

- If your child has any symptoms of Covid-19 it is essential you keep them at home and follow the [Covid-19: Guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection guidance.](#)
- If a child is taken ill during the day with Covid-19 symptoms, parents/carers will be phoned immediately to collect them.
- Staff and pupils will be eligible for testing if they become ill with coronavirus symptoms, as will members of their household.
- We expect all staff members and parents/carers to engage in the NHS Test and Trace process and inform school immediately of the results of any test. We will take swift action if we become aware of a positive test of someone within school. The Health Protection Team will guide us through the actions that will need to be taken.

Thank you for your continued support and patience. We will consistently be monitoring our plans and will always ensure that they comply fully with the latest government guidance. We trust that you feel reassured by all of the measures that we have put in place.

We are looking forward to welcoming ALL children through the gates in Thursday 3rd September, ready for an exciting new year at Northern Parade Schools.

With our very best wishes,

Mr Beadell

Head of School (Juniors from September)

Mrs Carlyle

Head of School (Infants from September)

Mr Hunter

Executive Headteacher (from September 2020)