



**KINGSMEAD
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Plans for the start of term – September 2020

I hope that you are all well and have enjoyed a break over the summer. We are very much looking forward to welcoming the children back to school next week. We are following the most up to date guidance in ensuring that we are opening the school as safely as possible, whilst trying to bring some 'normality' back to school life. We are beginning our re-opening cautiously, with some restrictions still in place, and will then review each restriction on a week-by-week basis. Below are the details for your child and their class.

Attendance Expectation:

In March when the Covid19 outbreak was increasing, the Government made it clear that no parent would be penalised for their child's non-attendance at school. The Government has now announced that circumstances have changed and it is vital for all children to return to school.

School attendance will therefore be compulsory again from the beginning of the Autumn term.

Minimising the Covid19 risk:

In order to prepare for all children to return full time from the start of the September, and in compliance with Health and Safety laws, essential measures have been put into place including:

- A review of our existing Health and Safety Risk Assessment: Following the Government guidance, advice from the Local Authority and in consultation with Trade Unions, we have written and implemented a rigorous and detailed Risk Assessment in order to make the school site as safe as possible for children, parents and staff. The Risk Assessment will be published on the school website on **Thursday 27th August**
- A requirement that children, parents and staff who are ill stay at home. If children, parents or staff have symptoms of COVID19 (high temperature, new continuous cough or loss of taste or smell) they must be tested as soon as possible
- Robust hand hygiene: children and staff will be required to clean and sanitise their hands throughout the day
- Respiratory hygiene: promote the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach
- Enhanced cleaning arrangements
- Reduced contact (as much as possible) between children by:
 - Grouping children together in Pods
 - Avoiding contact between Pods (wherever possible)
 - Arranging classrooms with forward facing desks in Key Stage 2 (Year 3 – 6)
 - Staff maintaining distance from pupils and other staff wherever possible
 - No Assemblies for the foreseeable future
 - No clubs before or after school including Breakfast Club

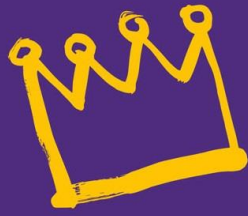
Once again, following the Government guidance, we have had to implement a lot of changes to maintain the safety of our site. These are as follows:

- Staggered times for the beginning and the end of the day
- Staggered times for play and lunch time
- Year 5 and Year 6 pupils will be allowed to walk to school and walk home on their own provided that the parent or carer has given permission to the school

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These are the items allowed to be brought in school:

- Coats (children will be playing outside apart from extreme weather conditions)
- A mobile phone can be brought in for children who are travelling alone to and from school (Year 5 and 6) and it will be collected on arrival to school and stored in the school office
- Prescribed medication can be brought into school

These are the items **NOT** allowed to be brought in school:

- Bags including Book Bags and PE kit
- Packed Lunches (all children)
- Bikes and scooters

School uniform: from September children need to be wearing school uniform. (refer to School Uniform policy on our school website)

PE Kit: Children should arrive wearing PE kit on the days they have PE (outdoor PE kit)

Travelling to and from school: The Government has advised that parents, staff and children should walk or cycle to school if possible. Due to health & safety guidance, bikes and scooters can **NOT** be left in the school grounds. They must be taken home by parents /carers.

Cars will **NOT** be allowed on any part of the school premises, including dropping off children.

Use of PPE: The Government advice is that the majority of staff and children will not require PPE including the use of face coverings.

Changes to the Curriculum: We are aware of the challenges faced by many families trying to educate children during school closure. As much as the school has provided home learning resources, we are aware that the majority of parents are not teachers and cannot be expected to teach children in the same way as educators. We understand that children returning to school in September may have gaps in their learning. Our aim in the first term is to prioritise the mental wellbeing of our pupils together with learning that addresses gaps mainly in core subjects (Phonics, Reading, Writing and Mathematics). We will continue to provide a curriculum that is broad and balanced in which children will be taught a range of subjects.

Contingency planning for outbreaks: In the event of a partial or full school closure, children will be able to access a secure online learning platform that will be consistently used across the school to allow interaction, assessment and feedback.

If your child needs to remain at home but is able to access learning, a learning pack will be provided.

Managing suspected or confirmed cases of Covid19 at home and in school:

If your child or a household member develops COVID19 symptoms at home, your child must NOT attend school.

You will be contacted if your child develops symptoms at school as you will be expected to collect your child immediately, arrange for a test and keep the school informed of the test results. Whilst waiting for your test result, you and your child should self-isolate.

Schools have been advised to take swift action when they become aware that someone has tested positive for Covid19. It is a requirement that the school contacts the Local Health Protection Team to seek and follow advice.

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The following arrangements are in place for Nursery and Reception

We will be staggering the return of all children from next week to allow children and staff to understand and follow the new procedures that are in place.

In order to maintain social distancing, parents and carers will **NOT** be able to enter the school playground and specific gates have been given to each class.

Please drop off and collect your child from the following gates:

Class	Start Date	Start Time	Finish Time	Gate entrance / exit	PE Days
Nursery – Green Class (Full-time)	Monday 7 th September	9.15am	3.15pm	Nursery	Monday
Nursery - Morning (Part-time)	From Monday 7 th September (see separate letter for your child's start date)	9.15am	11.45am	Nursery	Monday
Nursery – Afternoon (Part-time)	From Monday 7 th September (see separate letter for your child's start date)	12.45pm	3.15pm	Nursery	Monday
Reception – Purple Class	From Wednesday 2 nd September (see separate letter for your child's start date)	9.00am	3.00pm	Nursery playground	Monday

We know that settling Reception children is important, especially at drop off time in the morning, therefore Reception parents / carers **will be** allowed to enter into the Infant playground (through the Nursery playground) for the first 3 weeks to help settle new children.

Please arrive on time to drop off and collect your child. If you have more than one child please follow the times for each child's class. Please be patient if you have to wait.

If your child is late for school, please call the school office from outside the school building and a member of staff will speak to you.

We look forward to seeing you all back at Kingsmead

Yours sincerely,

Evelyn Deeney
Associate Headteacher

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