



# KINGSMEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents & Carers

Firstly, thank you and well done to Kingsmead families who have done an amazing job with remote learning during this challenging time.

We are so looking forward to welcoming **all** the children back to school on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March**. We are ensuring that we are opening the school as safely as possible in accordance with Government guidelines. Restrictions will be in place, as they were in September, and we will continue to review these on a week by week basis.

### **Attendance Expectation:**

The Government has announced that School attendance will be compulsory again from the 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021 so please ensure that you bring your child to school every day unless they are unwell. All absences are recorded and followed up daily.

### **Minimising the Covid19 risk:**

In order to prepare for all children to return full time from **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March** 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 reviewed, rewritten 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 5<sup>th</sup> March**.

**Once again, following the Government guidance, we have had to implement a lot of measures to keep everyone safe and reduce the risk of infection. These include:**

- **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 classes
  - Avoiding contact between classes (wherever possible)
  - Arranging classrooms with forward facing desks in Key Stage 2 (Years 3 – 6)
  - Staff maintaining distance from pupils and other staff wherever possible
  - No assemblies for the foreseeable future
  - No before or after school clubs including Breakfast Club until further notice
- **Staggered times for the beginning and the end of the day**
- **Staggered times for play and lunch time**

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- **Parents/carers and visitors will not be allowed to come onto school premises without an appointment**

**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
- Book bags must be brought in every Friday and collected at the school gate at the end of the day every Monday
- Prescribed medication can be brought into school

**These items are NOT allowed to be brought into school:**

- Bags with personal belongings/PE kit etc
- Packed Lunches (all children)
- Bikes and scooters
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**School uniform:** 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.

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

**Use of PPE:** Children should not wear face coverings in school.

**Changes to the Curriculum:** We are aware of the challenges faced by many families trying to educate children during school closure. We understand that children returning to school may have gaps in their learning. Our aim is to prioritise the mental wellbeing of our pupils together with learning that addresses gaps in learning 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 the full range of subjects (with focus on prime areas for children in Nursery and Reception).

**Contingency planning for outbreaks:** In the event of any whole class closures, children will continue to be able to access a secure online learning platform. If your child needs to remain at home to isolate whilst the rest of the class are still in school, we will provide learning resources.

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

**At home** - If your child or a household member develops COVID19 symptoms at home, your child must NOT attend school. Anyone in your household with symptoms must be tested as soon as possible and follow Government guidelines should they need to isolate.

If any household member has a positive COVID19 test, your child and siblings must not attend school for ten days.

**In school** - You will be contacted if your child develops symptoms at school. You will be expected to collect your child immediately, and a rapid test will be carried out safely by a trained member of staff on the school site once an adult is present

**The following arrangements are in place for the return of all children from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Please note small change to drop off times for some classes.**

Class	Gate entrance/exit	Start time	Finish time	PE day
Nursery - Green Class (Full-time)	Carpark gate	9.10am	3.15pm	Monday
Nursery - Morning (Part-time)	Carpark gate	9.10am	11.45am	Monday
Nursery - Afternoon (Part-time)	Carpark gate	12.45pm	3.15pm	Monday
Reception - Purple Class	Carpark gate	9.00am	3.00pm	Monday
Year 1 – Brown Class	Main playground gate	9.00am	3.00pm	Friday
Year 2 – Pink Class	Main playground gate	9.10am	3.15pm	Friday
Year 3 – Blue Class	Main playground gate	9.20am	3.30pm	Monday
Year 4 – Yellow Class	Dining Hall - carpark	9.20am	3.30pm	Monday
Year 5 – Orange Class	Dining Hall - carpark	9.10am	3.15pm	Friday
Year 6 - Black Class	Dining Hall - carpark	9.00am	3.00pm	Friday

In order to maintain social distancing, parents and carers will **NOT** be able to enter the school playground. If you are dropping Nursery or Reception children they will now be collected by their teachers from the driveway leading to the car park gate. Please queue up with your child on the 2 metre markers until their teacher has collected them.

To minimise risk to our whole school community, we ask that all parents and carers wear masks when dropping and collecting their children from school and maintain a 2 metre distance. Staff will also be wearing masks at drop off and pick up areas.

Government guidance is very clear, there must be no gathering at the school gates.

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 and keep a 2 metre distance from other families. If your child is late for school, you must accompany them to the main carpark gate and wait until your child has been let in by a member of admin staff.

We look forward to seeing you all back at Kingsmead

Yours sincerely

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Associate Headteacher

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