

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021

Dear All

I hope this letter finds you safe and well. I am sure, just like us, you are delighted that school reopens next Monday. Your support during lockdown has been amazing. Teaching your own child/ren is never easy but has been vital in keeping their school education moving forward. So thank you once again from us all.

This week we have been getting the building and outside areas ready and all COVID guidelines are in place.

When the children return, school will be exactly as it was during the autumn term with staggered starts, separate plays and all children and staff keeping to their own bubble.

As a reminder here is the timetable.

| <b>Class</b> | <b>Start time</b>             | <b>Entrance Gate</b> | <b>Home Time</b>        | <b>Exit Gate</b>                |
|--------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Nursery      | 8.45                          | Main Gate            | 11.45                   | Office                          |
|              | 12.30                         | Office               | 3.30                    | Main Gate                       |
| Reception    | 9am – doors open 8.55am       | Office               | 3.30<br>Doors open 3.25 | Entry Office<br>Leave Main Gate |
| Year 1       | 8.45                          | Main Gate            | 3.15                    | Main Gate                       |
| Year 2       | 8.45                          | Fire Gate            | 3.15                    | Main Gate                       |
| Year 3       | 8.55<br>Class doors open 8.50 | Main Gate            | 3.25                    | Main Gate                       |
| Year 4       | 8.55<br>Class doors open 8.50 | Fire Gate            | 3.25                    | Main Gate                       |
| Year 5       | 9am<br>Class doors open 8.55  | Main Gate            | 3.30                    | Main Gate                       |
| Year 6       | 9am<br>Class doors open 8.55  | Fire Gate            | 3.30                    | Main Gate                       |

Nursery and reception parents may drop off and collect their child but only one parent at a time and while on school property please wear a mask, unless exempt.

Parents of children in Years 1 to 6 are not allowed in the playground before school. At collection time only one parent may enter the school grounds and again please wear a mask unless exempt.

While the COVID cases in Lewisham have dramatically fallen we still have to take every safety measure possible. We are aware that while schools are coming back the rest of the country is still in 'Lockdown' and we must all still follow the rules if we are to keep each other safe.

So as I did last September can I please remind you to;

- Adhere to your child's pick-up and drop-off times – ensuring you leave the school site promptly. Maintain social distancing with staff and other adults both in school and on the pavements directly outside.
- Only communicate with the school via telephone or email.
- Remain vigilant for the symptoms of coronavirus.
- Keep your child at home if they develop symptoms or if any members of the household develop symptoms.
- Ensure your child washes their hands before they leave for school and after they return home.
- Helping your child understand the importance of infection control, good hygiene, and social distancing.

The following weeks may not be easy. Some children and adults may be nervous about returning to school. We are fully aware that children will not have had the same lockdown experiences and it is our job, and not one we take lightly, to ensure that support is there if needed.

We will do our best to not close any bubbles – when we reflect upon the last year it is astounding to think that the vast majority of Perrymount pupils have only had one term in school, We do not want to close again but school attendance is balanced against no one catching COVID so let's do our best to ensure this is the case.

While I am looking forward to seeing you all next week (if only at a distance) I am totally delighted, excited and overjoyed to have the children back in school.

Best wishes always

Chris Keen