



Monday 1st March 2021

Reopening of Perry Hall Primary School to all Children from 8th March 2021

Dear parents/carers

Following the Prime Minister's announcement on Monday detailing the roadmap for easing coronavirus restrictions, we are writing to confirm the arrangements in place for the **reopening of Perry Hall Primary to all children from Monday 8th March**.

We are delighted to be welcoming the children back into school again; we hope that they settle in and adjust to their new routines and environment quickly. We are well underway with our plans for the return of all children: we are working through the updated guidance from the Department for Education to review and update our risk assessment and confirm plans for how we will support the children to come back to school in a safe and positive way.

When school reopens, we will focus on reconnecting the children with our expectations, values and learning behaviours as well as reviewing their learning so that teachers know how they can best support all the children moving forward. As always, we will focus on mental and physical wellbeing and social connections, whilst continuing to have high academic expectations for all children.

We recognise that the return to school for some children may prove to be challenging after being away from school for so long. Therefore, **if you or your child have any worries about the transition back to school then please do not hesitate to contact us**. We hope that the details provided within this letter will alleviate any concerns you may have.

Safety is our priority.

Our **priority for the return to school is the safety of all children and all staff**. The Health and Safety measures introduced at the start of the pandemic will continue to stay in place in an attempt to keep everyone safe.

- **'Bubbles'**- Children will continue to remain in year groups bubbles and will not mix with children from any other bubble whilst within school. The only exception to this is if your child attends breakfast club or afterschool club. Within this provision, children may be based within the same area, but bubbles will remain distanced from each other.
- **Handwashing**- Children will continue to be encouraged to wash their hands regularly, following the step by step guidance from the government, for at least 20 seconds. Due to allergies, children should not be bringing in hand sanitisers from home (unless there is an underlying medical issue that has been shared and discussed with school).
- **Social distancing**- Wherever possible, social distancing amongst the children will be promoted.
- **Break and Lunchtimes**- Break and lunch times across school will continue to be staggered- if any bubble groups are outside at the same time, playgrounds will be partitioned to ensure that bubbles remain distanced. If children bring a packed lunch to school, they will eat their food in their classrooms. School lunches will be eaten in our dining halls (although a bubble may be



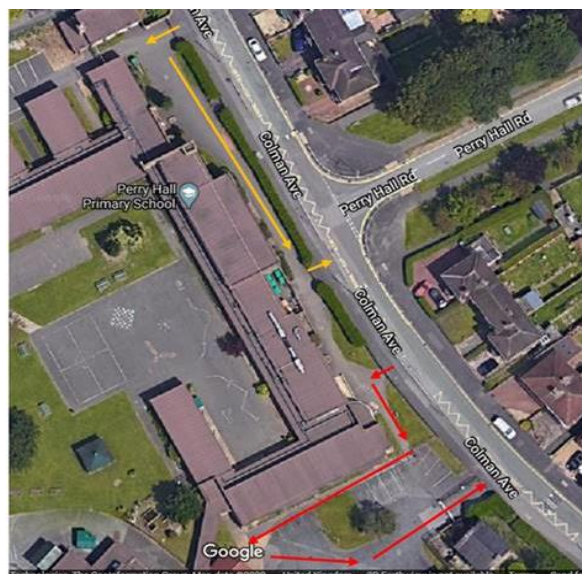
within the same dining room area as another, they will be distanced from each other). All surfaces will be wiped regularly.

- Toilets- Each 'bubble' will have a designated set of toilets and sinks for use throughout the day.
- Limiting things being brought into school from home- Children should not be bringing backpacks into school daily or any other unnecessary equipment/toys. The only thing brought into school daily should be a water bottle and a lunchbox if required. If a younger child needs a bag of spare clothes kept in school, please send this in on the first day back.

Start and end of day arrangements

Below is a reminder of our morning drop off and afternoon collection arrangements from week beginning 8th March. There have been some slight amendments, so please read carefully. **Please ensure that you follow the one way systems in place and adhere to the staggered timings to best allow for social distancing. When on site, unless exempt and wearing a lanyard to demark this, please do wear a face mask. A polite reminder: only one adult should come onto site when dropping off and collecting.**

Arrival into school in a morning



Yellow arrows= KS2 one way system.

To allow a staggered entry into school and in an attempt to eliminate any wait times between sibling drop offs, **all KS2 children (Year 3, 4, 5 and 6) can arrive between 8.30 and 8.50am.**

To ensure that the area around the main gate is kept clear and the flow of pedestrian traffic is kept moving, when dropping off your children please ensure you:

1) do not congregate around the gate to converse with other parents/carers

2) follow the one way system (come in through the gate, hand over your child, walk along the path on the school grounds and exit back onto the pavement through the gate).

Red arrows= EYFS and KS1 one way system.

Staggered arrival times onto site allow for the one way system to flow more easily and to allow for more effective social distancing to take place.

Year 1 and 2: 8.30-8.40am Two's and Nursery: 8.40am-8.50am Reception: 8.50-9.00am

To ensure that the flow of pedestrian traffic is kept moving, please ensure that you only **arrive onto the one way system within your allocated time slot.** Please ensure that you maintain **social distancing** between family groups if there is any queuing.

Year 1 and 2- please make use of your two entrance doors (staff will be on both doors) to speed up the dropping off process.



End of day collection arrangements



Yellow arrows= Reception and Years 2-6 collection.

Reception: 3.10pm

Year 2 and 3: 3.15pm

Year 4, 5 and 6: 3.20pm

We will be enforcing this one way system to help ensure the safety of all, therefore, please ensure you follow the route.

We are hoping that there is a continuous flow of pedestrian movement around the site.

Please ensure that **gaps are kept between family groups** when waiting for children to be released and when moving around the school grounds to ensure that social distancing is promoted.

Red arrows= Two's, Nursery and Year 1 one way system.

Year 1 (using both doors)- 3.10pm

Two's and Nursery- 3.30pm

Again, please ensure that you **only arrive onto the one way system at your allocated time.**

1HH and 1DL will continue to be released from separate doors to speed up the collection process.



If you are collecting siblings from different one way systems, then please ensure you use the relevant entrance and exit points and do not go against either of the one way systems.



Communication with school staff

Can we please remind you that **if you need to speak to a teacher or member of staff** in school, you should do so via a **phone call to the school office** who can arrange for a call back to be made to you or via your year group email address. **Staff should not be approached** when welcoming or dismissing the children.

Keeping our community safe- Rapid Covid Testing and Lateral Flow Testing for Staff

To keep you updated, since all children have last been in school, we now have an embedded process of **staff (who have opted in) undertaking lateral flow testing twice-weekly**. This will allow us to help **identify any asymptomatic cases of Covid-19 amongst staff** and in turn help break the chain of transmission and suppress the spread of the virus in our school community.

Additionally and in conjunction with this, **rapid covid testing** is another way of helping to break the chain of transmission of coronavirus. To help **protect our community, anyone without symptoms** can **visit** one of the Rapid Covid Testing Sites across the city, our closest one being **The Hub at Ashmore Park, for a lateral flow test**. Please use the following link to view more details about The Hub:

<https://www.perryhall.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Rapid-Covid-Testing-Ashmore-Park-Hub-1.pdf>

Attendance

As per instruction from the Department for Education, **school attendance will be mandatory for all pupils from 8th March (except for any child confirmed as being clinically extremely vulnerable or has a Covid-19 related reason to not attend- see below)**. The usual rules on school attendance apply, including:

- parents' duty to secure their child's regular attendance at school (where the child is a registered pupil at school and they are of compulsory school age)
- the ability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices in line with local authorities' codes of conduct.

As usual, school are responsible for recording attendance, **following up absence and reporting children missing education to the local authority**.

Reminders – When should your child not attend school?

Children must not come into the school if:

- they have one or more **coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms**:
 - o a high temperature
 - o a new continuous cough
 - o a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste.
- a **member of their household** (including someone in their **support bubble or childcare bubble** if they have one) **has coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms**.
- they are required to **quarantine having recently visited countries outside the Common Travel Area**.
- they have had a **positive test result**. They must immediately cease to attend and not attend for at least 10 days from the day after:
 - o the start of their symptoms



- the test date if they did not have any symptoms but have had a positive test (whether this was a Lateral Flow Device (LFD) or Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test).

Shielding- children who are confirmed as being Clinically Extremely Vulnerable (CEV)

The current Government advice for **children who have been confirmed as clinically extremely vulnerable (CEV)** is to **shield and stay at home** as much as possible until further notice. These children are advised not to attend school while shielding advice applies nationally. If you haven't already done so, please supply us with a copy of the shielding letter sent to your CEV child, by 3.30pm on Friday 5th March, to confirm that they are advised not to attend school whilst shielding guidance is in place.

School Uniform

When **children** return to school, they are **expected to wear full school uniform**. Uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to our school ethos and helps to set an appropriate tone. Our uniform supplier, Kids Corner (11 Showell Circus, Wolverhampton WV10 9BA), is offering a Click and Collect service, Mon-Fri, 10am-3pm. Please call 01902 863222 if you need to place an order for any uniform you may need for your child's return to school.

Spring Term Milk

As you are aware, any monies paid for milk for the Spring Term has been directly transferred to the Summer Term. As explained in the text sent out to parents, if there are any issues around this then please contact the school office to discuss and resolve.

Milk for the rest of this Spring Term will only be available to Reception children and children in receipt of benefits-related free school meals (not universal infant FSMs).

PE Days

To confirm, on your child's **PE day** they should come into school wearing their **full PE kit (plain black jogging bottoms, plain white t shirt, plain black jumper/zip up if required and trainers)**. Below is a reminder of PE days:

Nursery	Friday		Year 3	Monday
Reception	Wednesday		Year 4	Wednesday
Year 1	Wednesday		Year 5	Thursday
Year 2	Tuesday		Year 6	Tuesday

Remote Education

In the unfortunate event of a **bubble closure within school** due to an identified positive case of Covid 19, **remote learning** (as it has been running during lockdown) **will resume**. If children are self-isolating at home and the rest of the bubble remain in school, remote learning will be provided but without the live lesson input. Please refer to the 'Remote Learning Offer' letter to parents previously sent out:

<https://www.perryhall.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Perry-Hall-Remote-Learning-Approach-final-document.pdf>

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Lunchtime Arrangements- school meals

From 8th March, our school kitchens will be fully open and normal legal requirements will apply to the provision of food for children. This includes for those eligible for benefits-related free school meals and universal infant free school meals.

For those families currently in receipt of Edenred meal vouchers, these will cease from 8th March.

If your child will be bringing in a packed lunch from home, please ensure that lunchboxes being brought to and from school are thoroughly and regularly cleaned.

Breakfast Club and After School Club

Perry Hall 'Kids Club' resumes as normal from Monday 8th March for Nursery up to Year 6. Breakfast club will run from 7.45am and afterschool club will run until 5.55pm (early session until 4.15pm). To book your child's space from week beginning 8th March, please email phbreakfast-asc@perryhallmat.co.uk or call into school.

As previously explained, children from different bubbles will be based within the same area when using this provision, but bubbles will remain distanced from each other.

Educational Visits

The Government have advised against all educational visits at this time. This advice will be kept under review and we will ensure all parents/carers are updated with any changes.

Update: First Aid Slip

From 8th March, we have made the decision to resume sending home first aid slips if your child was to receive any first aid whilst in school. We have made this decision to ensure that this important information is passed over to you as effectively as possible. If you are not comfortable in receiving this slip of paper home, please inform the school office by 8.30am on Monday 8th March so that an alternative arrangement can be made.

As previously stated, we are delighted to be welcoming all children back into school from the 8th March and are very much looking forward to working with all families to ensure that this transition back into full time schooling is as smooth as possible for the children. As always, we welcome any suggestions you may have to aid/enhance this process. We thank you in advance for your support in following all of the procedures we have put into place to help keep our whole school community as safe as possible.

Please do contact us if there is anything you wish to discuss in more detail. If not, we look forward to seeing you all on Monday 8th March. In the meantime, please take care and keep safe.

Yours sincerely,

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Executive Headteacher.

