



27<sup>th</sup> August 2021

**Autumn Term 2021 – Welcome Back.**

Dear parents/carers

*I hope that you are all having a wonderful summer break and would like to offer you, in advance, a warm welcome back to school. Within this letter, as promised, I will detail a range of information that will support your child's return to school for this coming academic year.*

**Staffing**

As previously shared, and with a few updates, please find below an **overview of our staffing** for this coming year:

Year Group	Class Names	Staff within the Year Group
Two's	Two's	Mrs Gill, Mrs Platow, Miss Davies, Miss Samuels, Miss French
Nursery	Nursery	Miss Scott, Miss Wild, Miss Silk, Miss Parkinson
Reception	RCR/REP	Mrs Russell, Mrs Phillips, Miss Stanyer, Mrs Williams, Mrs Ballinger, Mrs Saunders
Year 1	1DL/1HH	Mrs Harris, Miss Lockley, Mrs Dodd, Mrs Jefferies, Mrs Fowell
Year 2	2LT/2SW	Miss Taylor, Mr Worton, Mrs Bellingham, Mrs Corbett
Year 3	3AG/3CS	Mr Gardner, Miss Salter, Mrs Gaunt
Year 4	4CF/4NF	Mr Fergusson, Miss Francis, Mrs Hallard, Mrs Platow
Year 5	5MJ/5CN	Miss Jones, Miss Newell, Mrs Lewis, Mrs Wardle
Year 6	6MH/6LM/6JS	Mrs Holdcroft, Mrs Middlebrook, Mrs McLean, Mrs Sanders, Mrs Nelson, Mrs Ferguson, Mrs Gardner, Miss Withington
Whole School	Sports Coach	Mr Boneham

Once again, we welcome all new staff to our school family.

I would also like to congratulate Mrs Banga, our Year 1 support member of staff, on her decision to further her career and embark on a teacher training degree. Unfortunately, this does mean that she will not be returning to our Perry Hall family in September. As a result, some members of support staff have been reassigned year groups across school, as outlined above.

As the year goes on, **all enquiries or questions can be directed**, via the **school office staff (Mrs Cox/Mrs Wootton)**, to the **appropriate member of staff as detailed above**, or to the any of the following **members of the leadership team**:

- Mrs Dodd (Assistant Head and EYFS/KS1 phase leader)
- Mr Fergusson (Y3-5 phase leader)
- Mrs McLean (English lead and Y6 teacher)
- Mrs Russell (SENCO/Inclusion)
- Mrs Heer (Safeguarding/Inclusion)

If you have any further questions or concerns, please ask to speak to myself (Mrs Gibbins- Acting Head of School).





### School Uniform- Winter Uniform

As a school, we are proud of our school uniform and we very much appreciate your adherence to our uniform expectations. **Summer uniform may still be worn until autumn half term but immediately following, children must wear our winter uniform.** Uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to our school ethos and helps to set an appropriate tone. Please ensure that you advise year group staff as to why your child isn't wearing any aspect of the school uniform at any time so that they do not have to approach you unnecessarily. We thank you in advance for supporting us in upholding our standards.

To confirm, **winter uniform is as follows:**

#### **Girls:**

- **white polo shirt/blouse (optional school tie) and grey skirt / pinafore / trousers with a green cardigan (school logo available)**
- **plain black, low heeled shoes.**

#### **Boys:**

- **grey trousers and white shirt with a school tie/polo shirt with a green jumper**
- **plain black school shoes (no trainers/pumps).**

A few reminders regarding uniform:

- **Plain black shoes** must be worn; trainers are not acceptable.
- **We do not allow the wearing of jewellery other than one pair of stud earrings** (which children must bring in **plasters to cover these with during PE** and after school sports sessions).
- **Nail varnish and make up are also not allowed. Natural coloured hair** only allowed.
- Please ensure that all **uniform is clearly labelled.**

Our uniform supplier is Kids Corner (11 Showell Circus, Wolverhampton WV10 9BA). Please call 01902 863222 if you require any further information.

### Attendance/Absence and Holidays in Term Time:

From September, **attendance in school is compulsory** and our policy on attendance, reporting children's absences and holidays in term time needs to be adhered to. **If your child is too ill to attend school, then parents must phone the school office by 9am to let us know the reason why their child is not in school—unexplained absences are recorded as "unauthorised".** It is then your responsibility to ring school before 9am on any future days of illness, so our registers are kept up to date. If you are unable to contact the school office via phone, please email in by 9am with the reason for your child's absence: [perryhallprimaryschool@wolverhampton.gov.uk](mailto:perryhallprimaryschool@wolverhampton.gov.uk). Our policy reflects the government's stance on holidays in term time. Fixed Penalty Notices (fines) for a leave of absence in term time, if it fulfils the local authority's criteria, will be issued this academic year by the local authority. Please can parents/carers be aware of this when booking any holidays, trips etc.

### PE Days

To confirm, on your child's **PE day** they should continue to 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)**. Plain black jogging bottoms may be replaced with plain black shorts if the weather allows. Large logos and slogans must be avoided. Below is a reminder of PE days:



Nursery	No PE during the Autumn Term.	Year 3	Monday
REP	Wednesday	Year 4	Tuesday
RCR	Thursday	Year 5	Thursday
Year 1	Wednesday	Year 6	Wednesday
Year 2	Tuesday		

### Autumn Term Milk

If you wish for your child to have **milk during the Autumn Term**, the **£13 payment on ParentPay should be made by Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September**. If your child has **free school meals or is under 5**, you are entitled to **free milk** and this will be ordered automatically by the school office. *If you are not sure whether you are entitled to free school meals and free milk please speak to the office.*

### School Meals/Lunches

This academic year, the cost of a **school meal** is **£2.65** to be **paid**, as usual, via **parent pay**. Meal menus remain the same as last year – a copy of the menu will be provided for you at the start of the academic year.

### Healthy School Status

As a **'healthy school'**, we ask for your support in ensuring your child's **morning snack and lunchbox contains healthy options**. A break time snack can consist of a piece of fruit or a fruit bar: children are not allowed to eat crisps or chocolate bars at this time. Research links healthy eating with healthy minds and optimal thinking and learning at school. We also encourage our children to **keep hydrated** as much as possible from their **labelled water bottles** they are to bring into school each day. Again, drinking regularly has positive benefits for children's health, well-being, concentration, physical performance and behaviour.

### Breakfast Club and After School Club Summer Term Bookings

**Perry Hall 'Kids Club'** resumes as normal from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September, for **Nursery up to Year 6**. **Breakfast club runs from 7.45am and afterschool club runs until 5.55pm (early session until 4.15pm)**. Charges are **£4 for breakfast club, £4 for the early after school club session and £6.50 for the late after school club session**.

Bookings for this coming term should have been made by the end of last academic year, however, any last minute bookings should be made by Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September by emailing [phbreakfast-asc@perryhallmat.co.uk](mailto:phbreakfast-asc@perryhallmat.co.uk). Due to strict staffing ratios, **please ensure that a new booking form has been completed**. As you are aware, after school club provision is only available Monday to Thursday.

### Medical Reminders

**All inhalers, epi-pens and any medication** that your child requires to take during the school day **MUST be in school on the first day of term**. A letter was sent at the end of last academic year, requesting for you to collect a **new medication form** from the school office for you to complete over the summer holidays if your child will be requiring medication again this coming academic year. **Medication cannot be given in school in September until new forms have been completed, signed and returned to school via the school office**. Please ensure that all medication is prescribed and is in date.

As you are aware, if your child is on a **long term health care plan**, this will need to be **reviewed with you in September 2021**. You will be contacted by school, once the children have started back to school, to arrange an



appointment to review and update the health care plan.

If there is anything you wish to discuss that is medical/medication related, please call the school office who will organise for Mrs Heer or Mrs Ferguson to call you back or make contact via email using [phmedical@perryhallmat.co.uk](mailto:phmedical@perryhallmat.co.uk).

*Our journey to 'returning to normal'- How are we applying the government guidance at Perry Hall?*

*Bubble Systems*

Consistent (year group) bubbles will no longer be required within school, therefore, moving forward, children will mix with children from other year groups at points throughout the day/week. Assemblies can resume, although these will be slowly reintroduced to children throughout the Autumn Term. Lunchtimes will revert to normal, with all school lunches being served from the junior hall and all sandwiches eaten in the infant hall. Year groups will share these lunch halls and also playgrounds at break and lunchtimes. Within the classroom, children can now be seated in groups or rows (this will be a decision made by individual staff members). After school clubs will now take place with children across phases/key stages rather than just as year groups.

*Start and end of day arrangements*

Start and end of day timings will revert back to normal – there will no longer be any staggered timings for the start or end of the day, however, there will be a time bracket during which you can drop off your child in a morning.

**Start of school: 8.35-8.45am**

**End of school: 3.15pm.**

*Entrance and collections points:*

- **Two's-** Drop off and collect from the Two's building
- **Nursery-** Drop off and collect from the Nursery building
- **Reception-** Drop off at the door next to Nursery (on the right) and collect from the infant hall
- **Y1-6-** Drop off at the main KS2 gates and collect from the classroom exit points.

The map opposite identifies where your child's end of day collection points are.



Considering the feedback received from parents/carers and staff, to help reduce the congestion at the end of the day, we will **keep the one way system in place for the time being**. This will be reviewed on a half termly basis.



Continuing to keep our community safe- Lateral Flow Testing for Staff and Parents/Carers

**Due to the latest updates regarding self-isolation, lateral flow testing will now play an extremely important role in helping us to identify any asymptomatic cases of Covid-19** and in turn help break the chain of transmission and suppress the spread of the virus in our school community.

**Staff in school will continue to undertake lateral flow testing twice-weekly.** This testing arrangement will continue until the end of September when it is to be reviewed by the government. We were delighted to hear of so many families, throughout the Summer Term, also engaging with lateral flow home testing. Testing kits remain readily available from testing sites or through ordering from <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests> and we hope that families continue to regularly test in order to help contribute to keeping our school community safe.

If your child displays symptoms of coronavirus...

The most important **symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19)** are recent onset of any of the following:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).



**If your child displays any of the above coronavirus symptoms**, please ensure that you book them in for a **full PCR test** (<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>) and **not use a lateral flow home test kit**. The evidence that school needs in order **for a child to return to school** is a **negative result from a PCR test** which needs to be **emailed into the school** email address:

[perryhallprimaryschool@wolverhampton.gov.uk](mailto:perryhallprimaryschool@wolverhampton.gov.uk).

**If a child in school does test positive**, school are no longer responsible for contact tracing and whole 'bubbles' will no longer burst/close. Instead, **the individual who has tested positive will need to isolate**. **Any identified close contacts will need to follow the advice provided by Track and Trace if they are contacted by them.**

If someone in your child's household tests positive for Covid-19 or they have been identified as a close contact with a positive case...

Your child is not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19. Instead, they will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a **PCR test**. We would encourage all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so. Staff who do not need to isolate, and children and young people aged under 18 years 6 months who usually attend school, and have been identified as a close contact, should continue to attend school as normal.



What should my child bring into school?

- Children should only bring into school a **filled water bottle** (not squash), their **healthy snack** and a lunchbox if they are having packed lunch. Please ensure that these items are all clearly named.
- Please **do NOT send your child with pencil cases and stationery**: school will provide all equipment that they need.
- **Children will be provided with either a plastic book bag or a homework folder that they can use to transfer their reading books, spelling books and any homework in, to and from school. Therefore, children will not need to bring a backpack into school with them each day.**
- Children **should not bring any money to school**, as all lunches and activities will be paid for via Parent Pay. There is nothing to purchase in school.
- **Hand gel is still not allowed in school** (unless previously agreed).

Health and Hygiene

- Health and hygiene will continue to be a priority. Children will wash their hands frequently – as they arrive at school, after breaks, before and after lunch and at other regular intervals.
- The classroom will be thoroughly cleaned at the end of every day.
- Equipment and resources are integral to education in schools. Classroom based resources, such as books and games, can be used and shared within the classroom.
- Outdoor playground equipment will be used again, so children are active.
- Children will continue to not be allowed to wear masks in school.

Curriculum: Pupil wellbeing and support

Upon children's return to school, we will continue to have an emphasis on:

- supporting the rebuilding of friendships and social engagement
- supporting pupils with approaches to improving their physical and mental wellbeing.

All staff have had the opportunity to handover valuable information to new teachers regarding your child. This information will be used so that we can get off to a swift start in September.

Curriculum: The wider curriculum.

We will continue to deliver a broad and balanced curriculum, whilst putting into place bespoke interventions to support pupils. All subjects can now resume fully including PE and singing.

Contingency plans for outbreaks

We continue to have **remote education plans in place**. We will **continue to try to eliminate risk** and will be publishing an updated **risk assessment on the website as we reopen in September**. We have followed the **government guidance** that has been published at this current time. September will be a tentative time for all, as restrictions will have been eliminated. **I hope that you will take time to read and digest the information in this letter that has been provided and trust that you will support us with our plan for school from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021. Our decisions have been made in an attempt to keep the whole school community as safe as possible, whilst moving towards normality. We appreciate your continued support.**



Dates for the Diary

- 02.09.21 and 03.09.21- INSET days- staff only in school
- 06.09.21- Start of Autumn Term for children

*Key dates for this coming half term will be provided for you in the newsletter for the first week back.*

Reminder-transition information

Please ensure that you have **thoroughly read** the information provided for you in your child's new year group **transition powerpoint** that was sent out to you at the end of last academic year: <https://www.perryhall.co.uk/class-information-2021-2022/>.

Further Correspondence

You will soon be receiving:

- This year's **Home School Agreement** which you will need to read and email in your statement of agreement to your child's new year group email address.
- A document outlining information about your child's year group including information about their **Autumn Term curriculum** and the knowledge and skills they will gain, as well as homework information and the updated Good to be Green behaviour system.
- A letter outlining how to request **childcare provision for working parents/carers on Friday afternoons** for the 2021/22 academic year.
- The **Autumn Term after school club letter**.

Please note, we have made the decision that we will **no longer be allowing children in Year 6 to walk home alone**. **All children in Year 6 will need to be collected at the end of a school day as usual**.

I am thoroughly looking forward to welcoming all of our children, existing ones and new ones, into Perry Hall for the start of our new school year. As a staff, we look ahead with enthusiasm to building positive partnerships between home and school, to ensure that children make the most of their learning opportunities and can thrive at Perry Hall.

Enjoy the rest of the summer break and we all look forward to seeing you on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Gibbins  
Head of School.