

# Meadowside Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Following the letter I sent to you last week, I am pleased to confirm the arrangements for school from the start of the new term in September.

Despite changes in current government guidelines, COVID-19 is not going away and we must recognise the importance of continuing to follow some procedures at school to reduce the risk of illness or infection to pupils, staff and parents.

We will continue to use certain practices from September, because COVID-19 aside, they have improved organisational aspects of our school day for pupils and staff.

## Drop Off

- The KS1 gate and the KS2 "Entrance Years 3,4,5,6" gate will be opened and manned between **8.45-8.55am** for Year 1 to 6.  
**Pupils will be dropped off at the gate and walk into school site independently.**
- Buttercup Parents will continue to be allowed to enter site from 8.45am to drop off via the KS1 gate and will be also be permitted to exit via the KS1 gate.
- At **9.00am**, Early Years Reception pupils will be greeted at the gate by class teachers or a member of the Early Years Reception team. They will walk into school supervised by staff.
- Late arrivals should go to the Car Park Intercom. Pupils in Reception up to Year 4 must be accompanied by an adult and wait for a member of staff to collect.
- Class Registers will be taken promptly at 8.55am and Early Years Reception at 9.10am

## Collection

- **The end of the school day will return to 3.15pm for all pupils.**
- The KS1 gate and the KS2 "Entrance Years 3,4,5,6" gate and Recreational Ground gate will be opened and manned from 3pm allowing adults collecting to enter site and for everyone to exit site.
- FS and Year 1 collection will be from classrooms.
- Year 2 collection will be from classrooms or the playground (weather permitting).
- KS2 collection will be from cloakroom doors or the playground (weather permitting).
- The Car Park gate will no longer be used for access to site.
- **There will be no one way system** at the end of the day during collection time.

**Our values: - Respect Responsibility Reflection Resilience**

## Uniform including PE uniform and Equipment

- Pupils will continue to be permitted to wear School PE Uniform on their designated PE days. Your Childs teacher will let you know which day this is in September.
- The School Uniform and PE Uniform policy will be strictly applied from September 2021.

Polite reminders:

- **School shoes** to be worn except on designated PE days when trainers are permitted. Pupils unable to tie laces are to wear non-laced PE footwear.
- PE Uniform, as per School Uniform Policy to be worn on designated PE day:
  - **Plain Black Joggers**
  - **Plain Black Shorts**
  - **Plain Black Hoodie or Meadowside Black Hoodie**
  - **Plain White T-shirt or Meadowside PE White T shirt**

For more information please refer to the uniform section on the school website:  
<https://www.meadowsideprimary.org/for-parents/school-uniform/>

- Pupils to bring a clear plastic water bottle to school daily. Pupils are permitted to drink water in class.  
Juice and squash are not permitted.  
Please liaise with class teachers to make alternative arrangements where professional advice has been given.
- Pupils are encouraged to ride their bikes and scooters to and from school and can be left on site during school hours.

**Pupils are not permitted to ride bikes or scooters on site.**

## Home to School Communication

- The primary source of communication to the school office remain phone call and email.  
[admin@meadowsideprimary.org](mailto:admin@meadowsideprimary.org)
- **School office opening times will be 2-3pm on Tuesday and Thursday. (This is subject to change).**
- Year group emails will continue to be the primary way of communicating to class teachers.
- Meetings will be by appointment only.
- Parents evening will continue to be telephone consultations.
- If your child requires an inhaler, prescribed medication whilst in school, please contact the office. To obtain consent forms.

## MASC

- Our morning sessions will remain the same 7.45am to 8.45am. **The After School sessions will be slightly different to pre COVID-19 and we will close promptly at 5.50pm.**
- Holiday Clubs operating times from October 2021 will be informed by the parents' answers from the Survey which will be sent out early September. Please look out for this it will be your chance to have a say on the opening times for Holiday Clubs this next year.

### Bubbles and Self-Isolation

- From Monday 16th August there will be no need to self-isolate as a close contact if you have been double vaccinated.
- Children also do not need to isolate due to contact at that point, this means that we should not have to close 'bubbles' if there is a positive case of COVID-19.
- People who are positive with COVID-19 themselves will still need to isolate but this will not affect the rest of the pupils.
- **This means we no longer need to keep the children in consistent groups, known as 'bubbles'.**

### Hand Hygiene

- We will continue to ask children to wash their hands regularly and will continue to provide hand sanitiser;
- The children and staff have got into good habits with this so we want to continue this into the winter months to reduce the risk of more viruses spreading.
- **Face Coverings Staff and adults, including family members, will no longer be required to wear a face covering on site.**

### School Dates

- Further information and dates for diaries will be given to you at the beginning of September. This will include PE Days, Clubs and Class assemblies

*Apologies for the amount of bullet points. I felt it was a bullet point kind of letter.*

I hope that this information clarifies the arrangements for September. All the arrangements in this letter are potentially subject to change should the local area see a rise in cases; we might be asked to go back to the current bubble arrangements and timings for school for a short period of time. We really hope this isn't the case but we would be able to respond quickly to that situation if it arises.

We are very excited at the prospect of some normality in September.

Yours sincerely,



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