

Good morning – this letter is regarding **Year 1** however is being sent to all parents.

Parents of children in Year 1

We are now in a position to open on Monday 15th June for Year 1 children of those parents who initially answered yes to the google form previously sent out (asking if they would be sending their children back to school or not).

A lot of this information is a repeat of the letters previously sent out, but if your child is returning it is extremely important you read it all.

There is a lot of information here, so please do call the school if you need any clarification.

I have tried to put as much detail here for parents who have children that will be returning – I must be completely honest with you and stress that the school they left behind in March will be very different to the one they return to and you will need to prepare your child for this. I am very concerned about the effect it could have on some children, who may not understand why they cannot have their usual teacher or play with their friends in the way they are used to. If as a school we are concerned about how it is affecting your child we may contact you and discuss the best way we can support your child.

We have allocated spaces in these bubbles for all children whose parents requested a space when we sent out the google form. If you have changed your mind please let us know by emailing the school at office@pfps.havering.sch.uk or calling 01708 555186 and we will try to find a space for your child. However, please note we will require a minimum of 5 working days notice and may be unable to accommodate them if staffing numbers, classroom space or risk assessments mean we do not have the ability to do so.

Bubbles

As you may be aware all staff and children will be allocated to bubbles and cannot move between bubbles. This helps to minimise the risk of cross-contamination. If a staff member or pupil develops COVID-19 symptoms, then the entire bubble will be asked to stay at home and isolate until the person with the suspected symptoms has been tested and either has a negative result (all the bubble can return) or a positive result (all the bubble self-isolate).

Arrival and departure of children

Each separate group of bubbles have been given a time window in which to arrive at school.

Keyworker bubbles – 8.45-8.55 (from 1st June)

Year R – 9.30-9.40 (from 8th June)

Year 1 – 9.15-9.25 (from 15th June)

Only one parent is permitted to arrive at school with their child/ren and we ask that where possible any younger siblings not attending the school also stay at home. On arrival parents will need to wait at 2 metre intervals (next to cones) down the driveway. Please explain this to your children and ensure they do not pick up or kick the cones.

Please do not arrive early as we will not have space on the school grounds to accommodate you or your child and you will be asked to leave.

If parents/children are late and have missed their slot they will be asked to wait in a holding area until we are able to take your child in – this may be after all the other bubbles have entered the school.

The Year 3, 4 and 5/6 exit gates will be labelled with the letters A, B and C. Teachers will be on the relevant gate. Myself and Miss Angus will be in the driveway and will ask each child/parent to come forward one at a time to the front cone where having checked that the child is well and not displaying any symptoms the child will then be directed to the relevant gate. When the child reaches the gate they will be directed along the path to a cone where they should wait until all the children in that bubble have arrived. At this point they will be led around to the rear door of their classroom and sent to their set desk which will remain their seat each day.

Meanwhile, parents will be directed through the Lower Playground to exit through Allen Road. Please do not try and access the site through the Allen Road entrance.

At the end of the day, teachers will lead their bubble to the same gate they entered the school in – again children will line up by cones – myself and Miss Angus will be in the driveway with the parents lined up at 2 metre intervals – as each parent gets to the front their child can leave and then go with the parent out through Allen Road.

Collection times will be as follows:

Keyworkers – 3.15

Year R – 2.30

Year 1 – 2.45

We regret that unless there are exceptional circumstances children will not be able to arrive late or leave earlier as office staff are not able to enter the bubbles.

Please ensure you arrive in time to collect your child – if parents are consistently late we will have to remove the place as we need children collected to allow time for the next group to be brought out.

Classrooms

Each bubble of children will be allocated a classroom and an area outside for outdoor learning/breaktime. Please see the list below for information about what will/will not be in the classrooms:

- A desk and chair for every child 2m apart
- All fabrics to be removed
- All toys to be stored away
- Clear route to toilets
- A door to be left open for entry/exit and ventilation
- Anti bacterial wipes
- First aid tray
- Exercise book for each child (all work to be completed in one book)

-A quarantine box for any text books/reading books that may be used

-Plain paper

-A selection of art resources

-Black bin bags for lunch/food waste

Every child will have a clipboard (for outside learning) and a plastic zip wallet containing a selection of stationery.

Each plastic zip wallet will be labelled with a number and remain on the same child's desk at all times.

Each bubble will have a classroom and an outside area which will be solely for their use. This area will be used for their breaktime and lunchtime and can also be used as an outdoor learning space. As children will be outside (and assuming the weather remains hot!) it is vital children are covered in sun cream prior to arrival at school. All children will only use the toilets in their classroom.

What will the children do in school?

The expectation is that we will work towards the children in school doing the same tasks as are available on the Home Learning section of the website for the relevant year groups although initially this will not be the case. As staff will have to adhere to the 2 metre rule, children will only be offered minimal assistance completing work.

No PE equipment or outside gym equipment can be used – no balls are allowed as children will not be able to pass the ball to each other.

Children will remain in their bubble group and there will not be an opportunity to socialise with other children from other bubbles.

Unfortunately if children are upset we have been advised to maintain social distancing so we will not be able to comfort children – please ensure you prepare your children for this.

sQuid /Lunch

All children will have the choice of either bringing a packed lunch or ordering a cold meal from the kitchen – the menu was sent out last week on a separate email – if your child is not in receipt of free meals you will need to ensure they have money in their sQuid account. Kitchen will deliver the lunch to the external door of each classroom – lunches will be eaten either inside the classroom or if the weather is good in their allocated outside area – lunchtime will be for 45 minutes 12.00-12.45 for all groups. Once children have eaten they can play in their outside area (they will be regularly reminded by staff that they are required to socially distance while outside too)

If you are currently receiving the Edenred food voucher but you wish your child to receive a free school meal please contact us as the vouchers cover a 2 week period.

Home School Agreement

All parents will need to agree to a Home School Agreement before their child returns – this is attached to the email and available to view in the News & Letters section of the website.

You must complete the google form within the Home School Agreement to confirm you have read and understood it – if you arrive at school and you have not completed the google form you will be turned away and asked to return the following day having completed the form.

Water Bottles

To limit the need to continually go up to the tap, we are asking children to bring in a water bottle with a sports type lid to keep on the desk. Children will be allowed to fill these up if they have drunk all the water.

Clothing

Children should come to school in clean uniform washed daily. Apart from lunch box and water bottle they cannot bring any other bags or items to school.

Finally

Finally, these arrangements are subject to change - if announcements from the Prime Minister require more children from other year groups to attend school then we may be unable to offer 5 days a week going forward. We will give you as much notice as possible of any changes.