



# Greenway Primary & Nursery School



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Dear Parents/Carers

## Return to School – Thursday 3 September

I hope you are well and have managed to have a rest and enjoy some of the lovely sunshine during the summer holidays. We are very much looking forward to seeing you all again when school returns on Thursday.

You will recall that at the end of last term I circulated an Information Guide and Site Map with an accompanying letter for use by you at the start of the autumn term. On Friday 28 August, the Government released further guidance for the full opening of schools for September maintaining their view that it is their plan that all pupils in all year groups will return to school full time from the start of the autumn term. There have been one or two very minor changes so far as Greenway is concerned so I thought that I would re-send the Information Guide and Site Map to you and just highlight within this letter in bold and italics the slight changes that may affect you. These items will be found on the school website.

## Practicalities for Children Returning to School

I do not propose to repeat what is in the Information Guide within this letter but would again draw your attention to some key points:

- School starts on Thursday 3 September and all children are expected to return as attendance is mandatory from the beginning of the autumn term save in exceptional circumstances – shielding advice for all adults and children paused on 1 August as a result of a continued decline in the rates of community transmission of Covid-19;
- Children will need to wear school uniform **but do not need to bring in a change of shoes** – uniforms do not need to be cleaned any more than usual;
- Children will be able to use their school bags and book bags;
- Children will need to bring in their PE kit and trainers;
- Children will be able to bring in their own packed lunch (no nuts) or order a school packed lunch – there will still be no hot meals from the kitchen. This will be reviewed in the next few weeks;
- Classroom based resources such as books and games will be used and shared within the class but will be regularly cleaned – pupils will be able to take books home;
- Please note the changes to the timings of the school day to ensure a staggered start and finish to support social distancing;

Nursery	9.00 - midday
Nursery (30 Hours)	9.00 - 3.00pm
Reception	9.00 - 3.10pm
Year 1	9.00 - 3.10pm
Year 2	9.00 - 3.10pm
Year 3	8.45 - 3.00pm
Year 4	8.45 - 3.00pm
Year 5	8.45 - 3.00pm
Year 6	8.45 - 3.00pm

- The arrangements already in place for dropping off and picking up your child/ren will continue. An entrance plan is attached to this letter, indicating where on the school grounds your child's class will meet for drop off and pick up. **For the first few days of term parents/carers of Nursery and Reception children, will be allowed on the school site to support their children in meeting their class teacher;**
- Classrooms for Year 1-Year 6 will look different, as each bubble is now your child's class with 30 children, not 15. Government guidance is clear that all tables need to be forward facing and that two children must be seated side by side, facing forwards, rather than as before lockdown face to face or side on;
- There will be no large gatherings such as assemblies and children will not be moving around the school.

### Curriculum

We will be teaching a full broad and balanced curriculum in September. A key focus will be on children's emotional well-being. We will also have a greater emphasis on English and Maths across the school, as well as reading and phonics particularly in the Early Years (Nursery and Reception) and Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2).

### Breakfast Club and Wacky

Our wrap around care will commence from Thursday 3 September. Guidance is clear that children can break their class bubbles to attend this provision **provided this is managed within small groups**. Parents dropping off and picking up their children from Breakfast Club or Wacky will be allowed onto the school site. However, please may I remind you that no parents should be driving onto the school's grounds, unless they have permission from me.

### Extra-curricular activities/clubs (both in and out of school)

Currently no extra curricular activities will be offered but I will let you know should the position change. As requested by the Government I would repeat their guidance which provides that schools should advise '*....parents to limit the numbers of different wraparound providers they access as far as possible*' and that parents should '*....seek assurance that the providers (they use) are carefully considering their own protective measures, and only use those providers that can demonstrate this.....contact sports should not take place*'.

### Finally.....

Please rest assured that all the procedures we currently have in place with regards to good and effective hygiene will remain in place. Last term the children and staff were brilliant in consistently washing their hands and taking part in the cleaning of equipment and tables. If you are able to do so, I would urge you to supply a named small bottle of hand sanitiser to complement our procedures if at all possible please.

On behalf of my staff we are all looking forward to seeing you all tomorrow!

Regards

**Katharine Ellwood**  
Headteacher

