

# Grasmere Primary School

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Dear Parent/ Carer,

I am writing with more detail about the full reopening in September. Please ensure you read this information carefully [there's quite a bit!].

We will be welcoming ALL pupils back in September full-time on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September. We have been provided with guidance from the Government. The basic principle is that everyone must **maintain social distancing** of 1m+ (this means with protective measures) or 2m (without protective measures). The exception is that **social distancing within the bubble is not required amongst the pupils, but adults should endeavour to remain 2m away**. Outside of the bubble, social distancing must be maintained. So, in class, no distancing, at playtime/lunch-time no social distancing but keep the bubbles apart. **A bubble is a whole class** [with the exception of Nursery and Reception which will be joined to form an Early Years bubble].

It does mean that **staggered starts, separate breaks, lunch and a staggered finish** are still required. We also cannot clean down the dinner hall quick enough to cater for hot meals so **packed lunches in class** will continue. We will provide free packed lunches for those who need them and hope to be able for you to buy packed lunches from us and eventually provide some hot dinners for class room use.

Here is the proposed outline of your child's day, with timings:

Class	Start time	Morning Play	Lunch time	Afternoon Play	Finish time
N Acorns	9.10am	N/A	12.00pm	N/A	3.15pm
R Holly	9.00am	10.30am	12.15pm	2.15pm	3.30pm
Y1 Rowan	8.40am	10.15am	11.30am	2.30pm	3.10pm
Y2 Cherry	8.40am	10.15am	11.30am	2.30pm	3.10pm
Y3 Willow	8.50am	10.30am	11.45am	N/A	3.20pm
Y4 Aspen	8.50am	10.30am	11.45am	N/A	3.20pm
Y5 Oak	9.05am	10.45am	12.30pm	N/A	3.35pm
Y6 Silver Birch	9.00am	10.45am	12.30pm	N/A	3.30pm

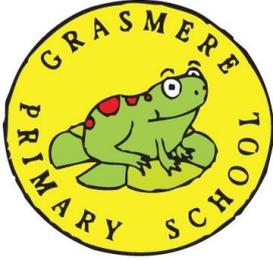


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Please note: Those classes in **Yellow** need to drop off and pick up at the **Church Walk gates**, those classes in **Blue** need to pick up and drop off at the **Albion Road Gates**. We are relying on you to be punctual. If you miss your slot, you will have to take your child away and return after 9.30am.

**Hand hygiene** remains vital. Please promote the good habits children have adopted over the last few months and advise them that they will be expected to wash their hands often and at key points of the day. Alongside this, the **level of cleaning** taking place around the school will increase even beyond its existing high levels. Classrooms and any shared areas/equipment [for example laptops] will be cleaned at several points during the day.

**Attendance is no longer optional from September.** All children must come to school every day unless they are unwell or leave has been authorised. The only exception is if a family is required to self-isolate.

If there is a **case of COVID 19**, I want to be clear of the expectations on you and the steps the school has to take. If a child or member of staff shows any of the recognised symptoms, **the whole bubble will be closed**. You will be notified and expected to pick your child up immediately. If it is your child that is displaying symptoms **you must take them for a test immediately**. The bubble will remain closed until the test result returns. Only if it is negative will the bubble restart.

Regarding the **curriculum** we want to offer your child the usual broad, creative curriculum they have always enjoyed at Grasmere. Teachers are busy planning and identifying [with the help of the previous teacher] which key building blocks of learning have been missed with a view to build these into Autumn term schemes of work. We want to focus on basic skills and revisiting tricky concepts. We will assess where children are towards half term and then use this to inform further planning. Alongside this we will build in opportunities to check in with children and put any **emotional support** they might need. Interventions for both academic and emotional support will begin again. Music and Spanish will remain but swimming and tennis for the time being are on hold.

That said we **want to get the children active!** I recommend that when purchasing new shoes for school you consider the trainer style shoes as we might do the Daily Mile on the

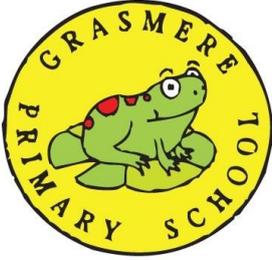


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days when we don't have PE and the children run around a lot anyway. Remember that Velcro is essential if your child cannot do up shoe laces: it gives them independence and minimises risk for staff.

Lots of things will remain the same: For example, we will **promote our values** of kindness, respect, bravery and creativity: never have they been more appropriate. Also our **high expectations of behaviour** and consistent, restorative approach of dealing with any incidents [we always promote learning from mistakes and growth mindset]. We will have **assemblies** via Zoom and parents will be invited to join via Zoom, for example in star assembly on Fridays.

Finally, please bear in mind a huge caveat: much of this is **subject to change** and I have planned a review for the end of September. Also, as has been the case so far, once things have been put into practice and we see elements that might not be working as planned, it will be adapted. Flexibility is a key attribute required by us all in these times!

Thank you for taking the time to read this. We wish you a lovely Summer break and look forward to seeing you all in September.

Kind regards,

Nick



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