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IMPORTANT: Information about full opening Monday 8th March

Dear Parent/ Carer,

I am writing with more detail about the full reopening on March 8th. Please ensure you read this information carefully [there's quite a bit!].

We will be welcoming ALL pupils back full-time on Monday 8th March. The safety measures in place will be very similar to how school was in the Autumn term, so not too much for us all to adapt to. As restrictions ease nationally, we hope this will also be reflected in school guidance and we can return to a more normal experience for the children.

SOCIAL DISTANCING:

Everyone must continue **maintain social distancing** of 2m) where possible. 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.. The bubbles will remain as they were:

N+R
1+2
3+4
5+6

STAGGERED TIMINGS:

There will still be **staggered drop off, separate breaks, lunch and a staggered pick up** are still required. Here is the proposed outline of your child's day, with timings:

Class	Start time	Finish time
N Acorns R Holly	9.05am	3.30pm
Y1 Rowan Y2 Cherry	9.00am	3.20pm

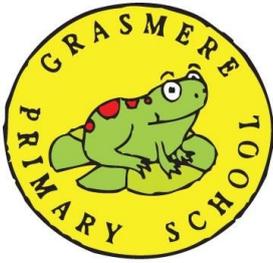


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Y3 Willow Y4 Aspen	8.50am	3.15pm
Y5 Oak Y6 Silver Birch	8.45am	3.10pm

Expectations Y1-6:

Drop off:

- Be punctual
- Line up respecting social distancing along church walk
- Walk your child in and drop off in KS2 playground
- Exit via Albion Road gates

Pick up:

- Be punctual
- Line up respecting social distancing along church walk
- Walk in and collect your child from KS2 playground
- Be prompt and refrain from chatting to staff or other parents in school grounds
- Exit via Albion Road gates

Expectations for Early Years:

Drop off:

- Be punctual
- Line up respecting social distancing along church walk
- Walk your child in and drop off in **KS1/ Early years** playground
- Exit via Albion Road gates

Pick up:

- Be punctual
- Line up respecting social distancing along church walk
- Walk in and collect your child from **KS1/ Early years** playground
- Be prompt and refrain from chatting to staff or other parents in school grounds
- Exit via Albion Road gates

SIBLINGS: If you have more than one child, the older child can walk the younger sibling[s] into the school to their sibling[s]class and then proceed to their own class. This saves you waiting unnecessarily in potentially close quarters with other parents.

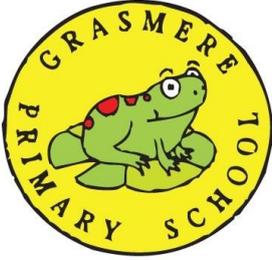


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At drop off please arrive to collect your youngest child. Their older sibling[s] will be waiting safely on a bench.

FACE COVERINGS:

No child is expected to wear a face covering. However, in order to keep risk of spread to a minimum, we would like **all parent/ carers to continue to wear a face covering on school grounds** when picking up/ dropping off, unless there is medical requirement for you not to.

HAND HYGIENE:

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:

Attendance is no longer optional . 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.

TESTING:

There is **no requirement** for primary children to be tested unless they have COVID 19 symptoms. All staff will have a lateral flow test [LFT] twice a week.

SYMPTOMS:

I would like to outline what happens should your child become unwell and what you should do. The table below outlines the actions you need to take based on some example scenarios [not an exhaustive list]. Please be reminded of the COVID symptoms as outlined by the Government:

- High temperature [above 37.8c]
- New, dry, continuous cough
- Loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste

What to do if...	Action needed...	Return to school when ...
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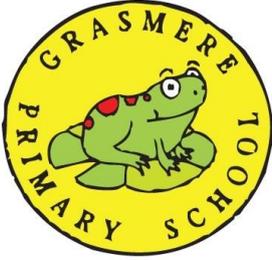


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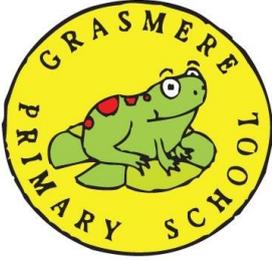
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...my child has coronavirus symptoms	-Stay at home -Contact school daily -Self-Isolate -Inform school immediately about test result	...the test comes back negative
...my child tests positive for coronavirus	-Stay at home -Self-isolate for at least 10 days -Inform school immediately about test result -bubble will likely be closed	...they feel better. They can return to school after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of smell/taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection has gone
...somebody in my household has coronavirus symptoms	-Stay at home -Contact school daily -Self-isolate -Household member to get a test -Inform school immediately about test result	...the household member test is negative
...somebody in my household has tested positive for coronavirus	-Stay at home -Self-isolate for 10 days	...the child has completed 10 days of self-isolation
...NHS test and trace have identified my child as a 'close contact' of somebody with symptoms or confirmed coronavirus	-Stay at home -Self-isolate for 10 days	...the child has completed 10 days of self-isolation

LEARNING:

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 want to focus on basic skills and revisiting tricky concepts. We will use light touch assessments to assess where children are towards the end of 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**





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support they might need. Interventions for both academic and emotional support will begin again. 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 continue to have Music and Spanish and **assemblies** via Zoom.

LUNCHES:

As they were in the autumn term, hot school dinners will be provided in the hall. Please book through the usual system.

FINALLY:

A few final bits:

1. Please ensure you are **prompt** at drop off and pick up and also leave promptly too to ensure things run as smoothly as possible [obviously for reception children and those who need it, there will be allowances made in the first few days if a child is upset etc.]
2. It would be really helpful if children brought **one bag** in containing their packed lunch and with space to take a book home.
3. If providing a **packed lunch**, please it does not contain nuts or hummus.
4. Please ensure if you need to **contact your class teacher**, please use the info@grasmere.hackney.sch.uk and put FAO: Name of class teacher in the subject email.

Please bear in mind a huge caveat: much of this is **subject to change** if the local or national pictures changes. Please be assured that if this is the case, I will communicate any adjustments to your clearly and in good time. 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 continues to be a key attribute required by us all in these times!

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Kind regards,

Nick



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