



Margaret McMillan Primary School

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September opening of school

Dear Parents and Carers,

For those parents and carers whose children have returned to school, thank you for supporting us by cooperating with our systems with cheeriness and good grace. Thank you to all of the families of children who have not been in school for their patience and hard work in dealing with what you have been going through. This situation is not what any of us would have wanted and we appreciate home learning is very challenging. Thank you to everyone for the support that you have shown to the school.

I am now writing to you with an update regarding the opening of school in September. At the time of writing, we have plans in place for all pupils to return in September, following Government Guidelines although this is subject to confirmation by the DfE in August. I will contact you again via Weduc and the website if necessary in August. Your child's new class teacher should have rung you this week to introduce themselves.

School will reopen for;

Children in Y2, Y4 and Y6 on Wednesday 2nd September

Children in Y1, Y3 and Y5 on Thursday 3rd September

Reception and Nursery children will receive a letter detailing their specific return dates and timings.

We have a one way system in operation in the school grounds.

Please drop and collect children from classroom doors.

Children may be dropped off **between** 8:30 and 9:00am (please drop Y6 children at 8:30am)

Children can be collected **between** 2:45 and 3:10pm.

Please make sure you adhere to these timings as accommodating late children will be difficult.

In line with government guidelines and our risk assessments we have put a number of social distancing measures in place to keep our children and staff as safe as possible.

Summary of our provision;

- Children and staff will be grouped into classes and year group 'bubbles'
 - Children's resources, will not be shared across bubbles and most equipment will be personal to your child.
 - Reading books will be sent home but will have to be quarantined for 72 hours before being re used.
- Bubbles will kept separate from each other, including during breaks and lunchtimes.
 - Lunch times will be staggered and reduced in length.
 - Lunch will be eaten in classrooms.



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- Flexible start and finish times (please see above)
- Regular handwashing and sanitising.
- Extra cleaning of classrooms and communal areas throughout the day.
- One-way system in corridors and floor marking where possible.
- All soft furnishings will be removed from classrooms which will mean that there will be differences from the usual learning environment.
- Unfortunately, no visitors will be allowed in school buildings or on school premises without prior arrangement. Meetings will be remotely if possible. If you wish to speak to your child's teacher or a member of the leadership team – please ring the school number to arrange a phone call appointment.
- Our curriculum;
 - Wherever possible, we will be learning outdoors.
 - Outdoor areas will be designated to each bubble.
 - Feedback will be given, but work will not be fully marked by the teacher.
- First Aid will be administered by a first aider but we will wear PPE and follow social distancing where we can.
 - If your child starts displaying symptoms of Covid-19 whilst in school, they will be wear PPE and removed to isolation with an adult and you will be called to collect them immediately.
 - Cool packs and plasters will not be used – following social distancing and hygiene measures.
- Amendments to the Behaviour policy.
The behaviour of our children at MMPS is very good. However, school will apply strict sanctions, up to and including exclusion to any pupils who wilfully refuse to adhere to arrangements of social distancing or deliberately cough or spit at pupils or staff, putting them at risk.
- We are intending to run our morning activity club from 7th September and hope to introduce after school activities as soon as possible.

What we ask from parents;

Attendance

- **DO NOT** send your child to school if they, or anyone in their household is displaying symptoms of Covid-19. **You must notify school.** The government has announced that testing is now available for anybody over 5 that is displaying symptoms of Coronavirus.
- Please ring school if your child is unable to attend for any reason.
- If your child is **clinically extremely vulnerable**, or living with someone who is in this group, please contact the school.

Collecting / dropping off children

- Please observe government guidelines and our protocols regarding social distancing when dropping off children.
- Please arrive at the allocated drop off and pick up times.
- Enter through the main school gate (opposite the main entrance) and walk past the Y4 classrooms. Your child may walk down to their own bubble on their own. Please leave via the Phase 3 and 4 gate **or** walk your child down to their classroom and then exit the school down the steps at the back of nursery and the side of school back onto Scotchman road.
- Only 1 adult to bring and collect children. Please do not bring younger siblings if possible.
- If you wish your Y5 or Y6 child to walk home alone – they **MUST** bring a signed note giving your permission.
- Late children cannot be taken to the Hub. Please queue outside the main entrance observing social distancing and waiting on the lines with your child until we can accept them safely into school.

What to bring to school

- Please send your child with a full water bottle. We are unable to provide access to water coolers in school. No other items (except a packed lunch if desired) must be brought from home to school – including book bags.
- School uniform should be worn.

Communications

- No visitors will be allowed in school buildings or on school premises without prior arrangement.
- No face to face meetings will take place. If you wish to speak to your child's teacher or a member of the leadership team – please ring the school number to arrange a phone call appointment.
- If you are contacted during the school day and asked to collect your child, you should do so immediately. Examples could include for reasons of First aid, symptoms of covid-19 or behaviour likely to cause breaches in our social distancing protocols.

Lunchtimes

- KS1 and EYFS are entitled to universal infant free school meals and will receive a hot or cold lunch bag delivered to their classroom.
- KS2 children will collect their lunch from the dining room and eat in their classroom. School dinners can be paid for via ParentPay (unless entitled to free school meals) or a packed lunch may be brought from home, but will be kept with your child in their classroom bubble.

Hygiene

- Please make sure your child washes their hands thoroughly before leaving home and upon arriving back from school.

I will be in touch again before school closes for the Summer Break with an update of our summer term.
In the meantime, thank you for your continued support,
Stay safe



Lorraine Martin
Headteacher