



## Hyde Park Infant School

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Dear Parents,

We are planning for the safe return to school of all children on 8<sup>th</sup> March and I thought that you would appreciate a letter explaining how we plan to do that. Many of the behind the scenes risk assessments are the same but we have made slight adjustments to start and end times and must adhere strictly to safety measures until it is safe to do so.

As you know, we will be welcoming back all the children on 8<sup>th</sup> March. Once again, the staff have been working hard to put the appropriate safety measures and risk assessments into place to keep our children, families and the staff as safe as possible.

You will no doubt be familiar with most of the measures but please read them carefully again to ensure that everything needed is in place. Times may have changed slightly from previous schedules so please check carefully so that you arrive promptly for your time slot at the beginning and end of the day.

- To enter the playground, please use the Hermitage Road main gate and exit via the bottom gate to Hyde Park Road. The only exceptions to this will be for prams and those with mobility issues.
- Adults need to wear a face covering when in the playground (unless you have a medical exemption) and maintain 2 metres social distancing from the nearest adult.
- Parents who have children in different year groups and need to wait for a different start or finish time, please do so as far from other groups as possible (you may use the Orchard playground at the side of the building if you wish).
- If you arrive late, after the gates have been closed, you will need to use the gate buzzer and wait for instructions from the office staff.
- Children will need to be in school uniform which will need to be regularly washed. If you cannot wash and dry items in time, please send your child to school in items similar to school uniform. If the weather is cold, make sure the children are wearing plenty of layers as the windows and doors will be open to try to limit transmission.
- Children will need to bring their own named water bottles as usual, and their book bags.
- Parents will continue to have no access to the school buildings. Communications with staff will continue to be via email (staff or school addresses, or by telephone, 01752 225493).
- We will be continuing with all the safety aspects that you will now be familiar with, frequent hand washing and sanitizing, extra cleaning, designated forward facing seats and tables for key stage 1, year group bubbles, staggered playtimes, quarantine of reading books and so on.



**Morning drop off**

For Years 1 and 2 we will be operating a 'soft start'. The staff will open the doors at **8.50** and the children can come straight into their classrooms between then and **9.00**. This is so you can drop your children off and leave immediately to limit the number of adults in the playground and thus limit the chance of Covid-19 spreading in the playground. Please try to arrive no earlier than 8.50. For parents who have a Y1 or Y2 child as well as an Early Years child, please 'soft start' your Y1 or Y2 child and then wait (it will be no longer than 5 minutes) by the roadside railings in the playground (keeping away from Y1 and Y2 parents who need to exit the playground) and then move into the main body of the playground for your child to line up at 9.05. Early Years children will line up in their usual places for **9.05** and staff will lead them into school. Please do not arrive before 9.00 as we want to clear the playground of parents of Y1 and Y2 children and thus reduce the risk of Covid-19 spreading.

**Afternoon pick up**

Early Years – **3.10** (Ash and Oak from Reception door, Cedar from Year 2 door)

Year 1 – **3.20**

Year 2 – **3.25**

We understand that things don't always go to plan, but to help everything run smoothly, it would be appreciated that you keep as closely to the times as you can and leave the playground as quickly as possible through the correct gate.

Many thanks for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs E A Hill  
Head Teacher