

Preston Grange Primary School

Newsletter – June 23rd 2020



An update...GOOD NEWS!!!

I am delighted to be writing to families from what is a MUCH more positive situation!

Since the last newsletter:

- Most of our 12 week medically vulnerable shielded staff are set to return to work before Summer (some members of staff have had their medical shielding extended until August 1st, but most are due to return)
- Nationally the lockdown is being lifted gradually
- Social distancing looks like it will drop to 1 metre
- The national picture is so much more positive, and we are more confident for the health & safety for children, staff and families.

Before Summer

We therefore have now been able to plan for wider reopening of school before the end of Summer term:

ONGOING

1. The provision for keyworker and vulnerable children is set to continue. If you require key worker provision, as before, **please contact Mrs Clarke at office@pgps.co.uk by Friday each week**, to confirm which days you will require cover for during the next week. As from Monday 29th June we have places for key worker children for 4.5 days per week; Friday afternoon is for deep cleaning school.

NEW!!

2. We are inviting the following year groups back into school as **from Monday 6th July** – Year 1, Year 5 and Reception.

Each of these year groups will be invited into school for 4.5 days, leaving school on Friday lunchtime so that the deep clean of the school may take place – this is a requirement.

There will be a staggered arrival and departure time for children returning to school before Summer. This is so that we can comply with social distancing measures and continue to ensure safety for all. Further detail and information and times will be shared once we know numbers with the year groups below, early next week.

Please note that until the end of term, the maximum number of children allowed in one group or 'bubble' is 15 up until September. Our plan is as follows:

YEAR 1

- Year 1 children will return to school for 4.5 days (Friday pm -deep clean)
- There will be 2 bubbles of 15 children, two staff to each 'bubble' using the Y1 and 2 classrooms

YEAR 5

- Year 5 children will return to school for 4.5 days (Friday pm -deep clean)
- There will be 2 bubbles of 15 children, two staff to each 'bubble' using the Y4 & 5 classrooms

RECEPTION

- Reception will return to school for 4.5 days (Friday pm -deep clean)
- There will be 2 bubbles of 15 children, two staff to each 'bubble' using the Nursery & Reception classrooms

KEY WORKER & VULNERABLE CHILDREN

Key worker provision will continue for key worker and vulnerable children, using the Year 3 classroom & hall, for 4.5 days per week.

YEAR 6

Year 6 will return to school **on Friday 17th July** in order for us to give the children a lovely send off before they move up to High School. The Friends of Preston Grange are working with us to plan activities for the day; more details to follow.

In addition to this, our plan includes inviting Year 6 into school for the Wednesday and Thursday of the last week of term as well as the Friday morning, **HOWEVER** this is dependent on the take up of any keyworker, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 places.

We will confirm after this Friday if we are in a position to invite Year 6 into school for these two additional days, following the results of the survey below. If Year 6 come into school on the Wednesday & Thursday, there will be 2 bubbles of 15 for 2.5 days using Y6 & the mobile classroom.

PLEASE NOTE: School will be closed on the morning of Friday 17th July to ALL other groups so that all of our staff may celebrate with our Year 6 children.

Next steps

We require **parents of Reception, Year 1, Year 5 and Year 6** children to complete a survey, on which we will ask you to indicate whether you intend sending your child back into school before Summer.



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Wider Opening

Please only complete this survey if your child is in Reception, Year 1, Year 5 or Year 6 and have read the latest newsletter on our website.

Please note that your answer on this survey will be FINAL as it will have staffing implications. We will be unable to accommodate changes of mind.

NB. There can be no negotiation regarding the bubble your child is based in.

* Required

Name of child. *

Your answer

If you are returning your child to school into a bubble, please realise that there will be no requests for your child to be with a certain friend or teacher.

Please also note that you have one chance to accept the place in a bubble, and we will not be able to accommodate changes of mind. There are staffing implications which do not allow for changes. For your information, when the children return into bubbles, they will not necessarily have their own class teacher, although it will be a member of staff that they already know in school.

We shall assume that if your child is in key worker provision but also in either Reception, Year 1, Year 5 or Year 6 and you indicate that you would like your child to return to school before Summer, they will be moved over into their year group bubble.

(The difference between the two places in school is as follows:

A key worker place = a child care place, no teaching

A place in a year group 'bubble' is an educational place = your child will be taught year group content)

Please note that you will be emailed a link to the survey of your child is in Reception, Year 1, Year 5 or Year 6. **We will need you to complete this by Thursday 25th June by 4pm.** This is so that we may have time this week to calculate numbers of children and adjust staffing as required. The link to the survey will be: texted, tweeted and is also here: <https://forms.gle/Qg1ctCbvi2C98QCm6>

Year 2, 3 and 4 children...we have not forgotten you!

If your child is in Year 2, 3 or 4, we would LOVE to have them in school before Summer, BUT they will only be able to return before Summer into a bubble if there aren't as many children from Reception, Year 1, 5 and 6 return to school as we have planned. For example, if only 12 children out of Year 1 choose to return to school before Summer, I will have capacity in staffing to allocate to creating bubbles of other year groups. I will update all parents by Friday this week as to the position.



From September

The Government have changed the size of a bubble from 15 (half a class) to 30 (a full class) as from September. This is the news we have been waiting for. We are THRILLED because this means that we are planning a full return for all classes. WOO HOO!!!!!!!!!! I cannot even start to tell you how good it was to hear that news!

New Starters

If your child is about to start either our Nursery or Reception class, please can you check your email to access your new parent password for Tapestry. On Tapestry, the Early Years team will be uploading videos introducing the staff and showing them around the classrooms. We will be back in touch very shortly to share in

more detail how we will be bringing the children into Nursery and Reception in September in small groups initially.

Thanks

Thank you so much for all of the positive comments and emails we have received after putting into place the virtual castle points system. We have loved the children's response to this, and it is heartening to see the motivation levels pick up somewhat. Thank you to parents for helping make this work, and to staff for recording the videos and spending time responding to the children.

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