

NINE ACRES COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers of Nine Acres,

Re. September 2020

You will have heard the Government announcement that schools will be open for all pupils' full-time education from September 2020. Our school has been welcoming pupils in different Year groups back to school since June. We approached this with great caution, reviewing all the scientific advice to ensure that we could be as safe as possible. This has gone extremely well, in line with our safety measures and risk assessments. Thank you to all those parents who sent your children back into school as requested – it has been lovely to see them.

We are delighted that we can now look forward to seeing all our pupils back full-time back in September. We will be very busy in the next couple of weeks planning, reviewing and completing new and detailed risk assessments, and working out exactly what school will look like and feel like when your child returns. Please do not worry about any big changes as our actions taken have been robust and flexible and we are already at a very good starting point.

The Government has stated: *'Given the improved position, the balance of risk is now overwhelmingly in favour of children returning to school. For the vast majority of children, the benefits of being back in school far outweigh the very low risk from coronavirus (COVID-19).'*

We're working hard to consider how we group pupils together, ensure that we reduce contact between different groups of pupils, and keep the stringent cleaning and disinfecting processes we already have in place to ensure that our school is as safe as can be for your child.

Therefore each child in Year 1 to Year 5 will be placed in their own class pod alongside their teacher and LSA. They will have lessons together including PE, lunches and break times together and remain in their classroom together. The Year 6 children will be a Year Group pod along with the new EYFS children to allow flexibility in teaching.

In preparation, there are some key points that you need to be aware of to help support our risk assessment and so that your child is as safe as possible. Please be aware some details may change; we will keep you updated via the school communications.

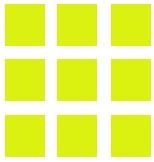
What do I do if my child is showing symptoms?

You must ensure that if anyone in your household has COVID-19 symptoms, your child does NOT attend school. Any child or staff member who develops symptoms in the school day will be sent home immediately. If anyone in your household, or your child, tests positive for COVID-19 you MUST inform your school.

Should my child attend every day now - what is the expectation?

Attendance at school will be compulsory for the vast majority of children. We will be running from Monday to Friday from September. The government has relaxed the rules on attendance during lockdown. However, this will change in September. The government guidance says: *'Missing out on more time in the classroom risks pupils falling further behind. Those with higher overall absence tend to achieve less well in both primary and secondary school. School attendance will therefore be mandatory again from the beginning of the autumn term.'*





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Our normal attendance procedures will be in force from September and we will be following up on children's absences including making a referral to the Educational Welfare Officer if absence persists.

Please help us to ensure your child's education is not further interrupted and they fall behind by ensuring they are **in school every day**. The odd day missed means your child falls behind both in education but also in terms of making friendships.

What other practical measures will be in place for my child?

Your child will be expected to follow strict behaviour rules relating to physical contact with other pupils, and keeping their hands clean. Pupils will be expected to wash their hands regularly, and/or use hand sanitiser. The children will have normal access to the toilets throughout the day. The children who have been in school are used to these processes.

In order to maintain social distancing during social times, the playground and field will be zoned. Your child will stay within the area that they are told to. This also includes whilst waiting to enter school. Your child must stay with their adult and not socialise with any other year group or class during this time.

It will be more important than ever that your child has their own equipment in school to ensure that this does not need to be shared. Each child will need a set of colouring pencils, pencil, rubber and glue stick in a suitable pencil case. We will provide your child with a handwriting pen. This equipment will remain in school.

There will be no assemblies in the school hall; we will do these through virtual assemblies in the classrooms.

Are school lunches available to my child?

Our school kitchen will be open in September, and lunches will continue to be available.

Pupils eligible for free school meals will return to having their lunch at school, and will no longer receive lunch vouchers. Free School Meal vouchers for the Summer Holidays have been ordered for eligible families. For the first half term of school, the kitchen will only be providing packed lunches as the children will be eating in the classrooms. Lunches should be ordered via ParentPay. If you are providing a packed lunch please continue to put these in a disposable container. Children should bring a filled water bottle to school every day.

Are children expected to wear their uniform from September?

Pupils will be expected to wear school uniform including school regulation shoes. Uniform can be ordered through Kids and Co in Ryde Tel. 615244 or www.kidsandcodirect.co.uk

They should only wear their PE kit on PE days which we will let you know in advance. There will be no changing in school. If your child does not come to school in their PE kit on their designated day they will still take part in their uniform.

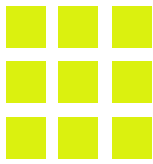
When will there be after school clubs for my child to attend?

We are reviewing the latest guidance regarding after school clubs. We aim to have a limited selection available by the second week back and will let you know as soon as possible. Little Acres are providing breakfast and after school provision so please book with them on littleacreschildcarecentre@gmail.com or 532358.

Will there still be staggered starts and end of day times for my child?

There will be staggered starts and endings to the school day for the Autumn Term in the first instance. Please see below the information you need for your child:





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Class Name/Teacher	Start Time	Location	End Time	Location
EYFS Carisbrooke/Mrs Shaw	9:00am	Front Playground	3:00pm	Front Playground
EYFS Yarmouth/Miss Perumall	9:00am	Front Playground	3:00pm	Front Playground
Y1 Biggleswade/ Mrs White	8:45am	Front Playground	3:10pm	Front Playground
Y1 Corfe/Miss Hollands	8:45am	Back Playground	3:10pm	Back Playground
Y2 Balmoral/Miss Hayward	8:45am	Back Playground	3:00pm	Back Playground
Y2 Windsor/Miss Fry	8:45am	Back Playground	3:00pm	Back Playground
Y3 Arundel/Miss Hancox	8:45am	Front Playground	3:10pm	Front Playground
Y3 Bamburgh/Miss Boxell	8:45am	Front Playground	3:10pm	Front Playground
Y4 Kendal/Mrs Barbour/Mrs Mayes	8:30am	Back Playground	3:00pm	Back Playground
Y4 Warwick/Miss Bekesi	8:30am	Back Playground	3:00pm	Back Playground
Y5 Edinburgh/Miss McDonald	8:30am	Back Playground	3:10pm	Back Playground
Y5 Stirling/Mrs Scott	8:30am	Back Playground	3:10pm	Back Playground
Y6 York/Mrs Tingle	8:30am	Back Playground	3:10pm	Back Playground
Y6 Durham/ Miss Shobbrook	8:30am	Front Playground	3:10pm	Front Playground

It is essential that your child arrives on time and is collected on time. Any lateness could result in us not being able to take your child on that day. Only one adult should enter the site for drop off and collection please, to avoid overcrowding.

We ask that children do not play together whilst waiting for the teacher in the morning. We understand this is hard and a sad request however this is to avoid cross contamination of the pods. Your child must remain with you.

We ask that adults DO NOT gather at the school gates after drop off. This is to adhere to the social distancing protocols in place set out by the Government.

We understand that some of you and your children will be anxious about returning in September, after some months out of school. Please be reassured that we are taking exceptional measures to make our school as safe as can be. We will be providing additional emotional and wellbeing support for all pupils if needed. Many of the children who returned which was well over the national picture already know the routines and staffing for September.

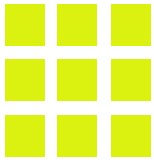
Although very many of our pupils have worked hard using our home learning resources provided by our dedicated teachers, we are fully aware that learning has been lost. We are all determined that your children will absolutely not be 'a lost generation' and we're adapting our curriculum to make sure that they get the learning and knowledge that they need to achieve success in the future.

Your children deserve a great, and safe education – we will not let them down.

See you in September!

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Headteacher





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