

NEWSLETTER



A fantastic first day

We are all so proud of our children today who have had a truly fantastic first day back at school. Children have settled in so well with their new class teachers and have already demonstrated such positive attitudes towards their learning. An extra special well done to our new Reception children who have joined us for the first time today– we are so proud of how well you came in to school today and your class teachers are already so excited about the year ahead.



Keeping our families safe

Thank you for your patience and understanding this morning as we tried out our start of day arrangements with the whole school for the first time. Can we please remind all parents to adhere to the following guidelines:

- respect social distancing whilst queuing outside of the school gates and on our school site
- refrain from smoking whilst queueing to enter school
- leave the school grounds immediately once children have reached the entrance for their year group.
- only one parent to be on site dropping off children
- parents/older siblings to leave the area outside of our school gates promptly

We thank you in advance for supporting us with these measures to ensure the safety of all of our children.



Morning arrangements—Years 3 & 4

SLT have reviewed our arrangements this morning and we are making a slight change to morning arrangements for our children in Years 3 and 4. This afternoon, parents of children in Years 3 and 4 will have received a ParentMail to opt in for their child to be dropped off at the school gate and to walk independently to their classroom. This new system will be in place from tomorrow morning for those parents who do decide to opt in. We ask that parents and children who have opted in queue to the right of the school gate (leading towards the park) and children will be allowed on site from **8.35am**. Parents must stay with their child until they enter the school grounds.

We encourage parents who have opted in to be prompt as we will allow this group of children on to the school site slightly before parents and children who are walking on site. **Parents of children in Years 3 and 4 who do not opt in will need to queue to the left of the school gate along with parents of children in Reception, Year 1 and 2.**

Year 3

Year 4

Year 5 and 6 end of day arrangements

Many of our children in Years 5 and 6 have already been given permission to walk home independently or to meet their parents outside of the Thornton Avenue gate.

A ParentMail has been shared today and also a paper copy will be sent home where you can select one of these options or you can continue to collect your child from the playground.

Year 5

Year 6

ENTRANCE ONLY for Yrs 5 and 6

ALL PARENTS TO FOLLOW ONE WAY SYSTEM AROUND THE SCHOOL SITE

- YOUR CHILD MUST STAY WITH YOU AT ALL TIMES AND MUST NOT USE ANY PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT
- Do not arrive on the school site any earlier than 5 minutes before you drop off or collect your child.
- Make sure that your child has everything they need for the day as there is NO ACCESS TO SCHOOL OFFICE.
- Always ensure that you use the markers on the playground floor to drop off and collect your child.
- Ensure that you or someone from your household can be contacted immediately during the school day.
- DO NOT INTERACT with other parents whilst on school site.

Queueing at the entrance nearest to the park—Reception to Year 4

Queueing at this entrance will now include two separate queues:

Queueing to the right: parents and children in Years 3 and Year 4 who have opted for children to walk to their classrooms independently

Queueing to the left: parents and children in Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and all other Year 3 and Year 4 children.

ENTRANCE ONLY for Yrs 2, RECEPTION, 1, 3 & 4

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We will continue to review our procedures throughout this week.

Uniform

Additional jumpers (£8.50) and cardigans (£9.50) can be purchased using ParentMail—our school office will process your orders and uniform will be handed directly to children. If you have any queries then please contact us via email:

info@eastparkacademy.com

