

# NEWSLETTER



## Welcome back to school

The start of the new school term has nearly arrived—we are very excited to welcome back all of our children ready for their new school year. Our teachers and support staff have been busy preparing all of our classrooms ready for their new classes to start.

During the final week of the Summer term, our updated Home School Agreement was shared with you. This included information about school timings, our one-way system, ways to communicate with us, protective measures in place within classrooms and shared areas and school processes if a child presents with symptoms. Please familiarise yourself with this document ahead of next week's return. The second page of this newsletter provides you with key information as an additional reminder and you can also watch our 'Return to School' video which is being launched today.

The government have announced that a full return to school for all primary schools is expected next week. Therefore attendance at school is mandatory once more. Our usual school procedures will be in place for monitoring attendance.

## September start dates

Children in years 1—6 return to school on **Tuesday 1st September**.

Our new Reception children have two start dates:

**Tuesday 1st September** (for children completely new to our school—the start time on this day only will be **9.30am** - usual start time for the rest of the week)

**Thursday 3rd September** (for children who attended our nursery)

Our provisional date for the opening of nursery will be **Monday 5th October**. Further information will be shared during the next few weeks about this.

## Communicating with school

Please contact us via email if you have any questions or queries ahead of next week's school return. You can do this using [info@eastparkacademy.com](mailto:info@eastparkacademy.com), [inclusion@eastparkacademy.com](mailto:inclusion@eastparkacademy.com) or your child's year group email.



## Attendance



# Timings next week

**Gates will open each morning at 8.35am** to allow children to be in class for 9.00am. The gates will be locked promptly and so children **MUST** arrive during this 25 minute window.

At the end of the day, school **gates will open at 2.50pm**. This will allow you time to collect your children who may be in different year groups. It is important that children are collected from school on time as our school gates will be opened and locked promptly.

We hope that the extended timings will support parents and children to socially distance on site at the start and end of the school day. We would encourage parents of years 5 and 6 to drop them at the gate where an adult will be on duty to welcome them on to the site. This will help us control the number of people on site at any one time. Staff will continue to be present at our entry and exit gates and throughout the school grounds to help you with directions to classrooms as needed. We thank you in advance for helping us to keep our school site as safe as can be.

If you need to communicate with your class teachers, please do this via your year group email as our staff will not be able to talk to you at the door like they would normally do.



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

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.

## 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.
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# School uniform

Children will be expected to return to school in full school uniform next week. Children will also need to bring in school pumps/trainers so that they can take part in outdoor P.E sessions throughout the Autumn term. P.E. kits will not be needed in school during the first term. Please contact the school office via [info@eastparkacademy.com](mailto:info@eastparkacademy.com) if you have any queries about uniform.



# Things to bring to school each day

Children will need to bring their water bottle, packed lunch (unless they are having a school packed lunch) and an inhaler if required. Also a suitable coat will be needed depending on the weather each day. School bags are not required at the moment. It is important that children remember all of the things that they need for the school day as our school office will remain closed for the foreseeable future.

