



3rd March 2021

RETURN TO LEARNING

Dear Parent/Carer,

There are only a few days until the children return to learning and we are able to we welcome them back to school. As I explained in last week's letter, the main emphasis for the rest of the term and in to the next, will be on the children's wellbeing. We will also reacquaint them with the demands, the rigour and the expectations of the curriculum in a carefully planned way. Teachers and support staff continue to make preparations for the children's return and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 8th March from 8:30am. I have set out below a further set of expectations once school recommences next week, please take some time to read them through carefully. If you have any questions please contact your child's class teacher.

What should my child bring to school:

TISSUES - A box/packet of tissues with their name clearly written on top. They will be for their own personal use and remain in school. They will not be brought to and from school each day.

HAND SANITISER - If you would like your child to have their own hand sanitiser, this will be allowed for their personal use. It will remain in school and will not be brought to and from school each day.

SNACK - A healthy snack – fruit or vegetables only.

WATER BOTTLES - All children must bring a clearly labelled water bottle, which will go home at the end of each day to be thoroughly cleaned.

EQUIPMENT - We will provide all children with any equipment they will need to use in lessons.

PE

Children must come to school in PE kits only on the days that they do PE. Over the past few months we have allowed children to wear variations of the school's PE kit. Once school recommences they must return to wearing the school's correct PE kit. Please remember to follow this rule. Teachers and support staff will contact you if your child comes to school in the incorrect uniform.

YEAR GROUP	DAY
Reception	Thursday
1	Thursday
2 Alder	Tuesday
2 Willow	Wednesday
3	Friday
4	Thursday
5	Friday
6	Monday

BOOKS BAGS & READING RECORDS

There is an expectation that all children will read at home every night for 10 to 20 minutes depending on their age and year group. We want all of our children to be fluent readers by the time they leave Parkside and we rely very much on our parent / carer body to support the school with this vitally important area of learning. Reading records must be signed every night and are checked by staff every day.



CLEANING REGIMES

There will be on-going cleaning of the school throughout the school day. Door handles, light switches, sinks and taps will be cleaned throughout the day, and to make the cleaning regime easier to manage, we will reduce the amount of equipment the children can use. The children will be given hand sanitiser on entering the school building and then will be timetabled to wash their hands as soon as possible. They will also wash their hands before and after playtimes and lunchtimes, after using tissues, and at regular intervals throughout the day.

ATTENDANCE

From Monday 8th March, all schools will be reverting to their normal rules regarding attendance; all children are expected to return to school and the Parkside Community Primary School attendance policy will be adhered to.

MORNING SCHEDULE – We all know how challenging the morning routine can be for families. There are many challenges each one of you face but with some careful planning the situation can ease. Below are some tips which may be of some use to you.

Top tips to help with managing hectic school mornings

Follow this checklist every night and your mornings can be much less frantic!

- If your child has a packed lunch, put all non-perishable food in lunchboxes the night before then just add the drinks and sandwiches in the morning
- Put out school uniform the night before
- When your child/children come home from school if they change their clothes their uniform can be ready and washed for the following day
- Ensure all school bags are ready the night before and placed by the front door
- Check that shoes are in their place
- Check calendar to see what is needed for the following day. For example: PE kits/football kits/swimming kit
- Check that all homework has been completed and is in their school bag the night before ready to go to school
- Reading is done and records signed every day

BREAKFAST CLUB AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

The Breakfast and After School club will reopen on Monday 8th March and is available to all children. You must book your place using the School Gateway booking system.


<https://login.schoolgateway.com/0/auth/login>

PARENTAL SUPPORT

If for any reason you are struggling with certain areas of your life we are here to support you as best as we can. Mrs Mattholie our Parental Engagement Officer has a wealth of experience and can offer you guidance and direction should you require it.

We look forward to welcoming the children on Monday 8th March from 8:30am and to developing our relationship with each and every one of you once again.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher

