



PURSTON INFANT SCHOOL
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Dear Parents/Carers

Whole school opening – September 2020

We are now in a position to share our plans for the re-opening of school from Tuesday 8th September. Given the improved position, the balance of risk is now overwhelmingly in favour of children returning to school. This will be an important move back towards normal life for many children and families.

We have closely followed the government's guidance and have considered and prepared plans. The government acknowledge that all schools are different, and it is not possible for them to set specific national guidelines that could be universally applicable. The safety of our staff, pupils and the local community remains our priority and we have attempted to adopt a common-sense approach to minimise risk as much as possible.

In welcoming all children back this autumn, we will implement a system of controls outlined below to reduce the risk of transmission.

- a requirement that people who are **ill or display symptoms** (high temperature, a new continuous cough and a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste) of COVID 19 **stay at home**
- robust hand and respiratory hygiene
- enhanced cleaning arrangements
- active engagement with NHS Test and Trace
- grouping children together in 'bubbles'
- avoiding unnecessary contact between 'bubbles'
- arranging classrooms with forward facing desks where possible
- staggering break times, lunch times and pick-up and drop-off times

School dinners will return to a normal menu in the autumn term. Weekly menus will be tweeted and uploaded onto our school website.

The table below sets out our staggered start and finish times for when we return in autumn.

Class	Start time	Finish time
Lions & Tigers (Year 2)	8.50am	3.15pm
Giraffes & Kangaroos (Year 1)	8.50am	3.15pm
Elephants & Monkeys (Reception)	8.40am	3.00pm
Crocodiles (nursery – morning)	8.30am	11.30am
Crocodiles (nursery – afternoon)	12.30pm	3.30pm (doors open from 3.15)

We are asking that only one adult brings and collects children from school to minimise the number of people on site. Please do not bring any other adults or children on to our school site unless they are your own children. If your child is collected by a childminder then we appreciate they may have other children in their care but ask that they follow social distancing rules. You will notice around school, outside, floor markings that need to be adhered to ensure social distancing.

As we come to the end of an unprecedented year, we would like to take this opportunity to say a massive thank you to you and your children for the way that you have coped with the changes we have had to make and the support you have given us. I am immensely proud of everyone connected to Purston Infant School and look forward to seeing you all when we return in the autumn term.

If there are any questions, please contact Mr Barnett email at headteacher@purston.wakefield.sch.uk. Stay safe and take care.

Yours sincerely

P Barnett

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The Designated Senior Lead for Safeguarding and Child Protection is the Headteacher, Philip Barnett, supported by the Deputy Headteacher, Alison Gascoyne and Learning Mentor, Kerry Dyas.
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