

Dear Parents

I'm very excited about welcoming all children back on **Wednesday the 2nd of September**. We have been busy at school preparing for your return. Whilst there have been some changes to guidance for schools throughout the summer holidays, we have been able to make the necessary adjustments.

The school has been thoroughly deep cleaned and shared thoroughfares have been decorated. We have had sinks with hot and cold water installed outside to support frequent hand washing. Our risk assessment will be posted on our website next week.

The information I provided in the leaflet at the end of the summer term is still valid and I have attached it for your information. I thought that you would appreciate some reminders, especially for the first day.

When should I arrive and where should my child line up?

Nursery

Please enter by the Nursery doors. Staff will be there to greet you.

Reception classes 2&3

8.30am start and 3.00pm finish.

Please line up in front of Reception doors. Staff will be there to greet you and to answer questions you may have. They will be dismissed from the same doors. Please try and socially distance from each other when you wait in the playground.

Year 1 & Year 2 classes-4,5,6

8.45 am start and 3.10pm finish.

Please line up in classes, in front of the allotment in the large playground. They will be dismissed from the same area. Please try and socially distance from each other when you wait in the playground.

Year 3 & year 4 classes- 7,8,9

8.45am start and 3.10pm finish.

Please line up in classes outside LKS2 doors. There will be staff there to direct you.

They will be dismissed from the same doors. Please try and socially distance from each other when you wait in the playground. We encourage children in Year 4 to walk to school themselves. Please let the office know if you would like your child to walk to and from school themselves.

Year 5 class 10

8.30am start and 3.00pm finish

Children in class 10 will be in the large classroom behind the allotment. They will have access to the UKS2 toilets. We encourage your child to enter school by themselves by the outside door directly into the classroom.

Year 5 and Year 6 classes-11,12,13

8.30am start and 3.00pm finish.

Children are encouraged to walk to and from school themselves. When they arrive, they can walk straight into school.

If your child gets school transport to school, they will be notified by school transport directly as to the taxi they will be allocated to. We have arrangements in place in school to make sure they can start and finish at the same time as the other children in their class.

Breakfast Club will be operating. You will need to book a place for your child in advance using our online booking system. Places will be limited.

There will be a one-way system in place. Staff will be available to direct you.

All children will be asked to wash their hands when they arrive.

What will my child need to bring to school on the first day?

- Themselves, in their school uniform.
- A named water bottle.
- A named packed lunch (unless they are having a school hot dinner) in a box that can be wiped.
- A coat.

They **will not** need to bring in a P.E kit on the first day. They **will not need any pens or pencils**. A pencil case with the equipment they will need has been made up for every child.

Your child will not need a mask. If your child is travelling on public transport or school transport and they choose to wear a mask, we will ask them to put it in their reading folder on arrival.

Your child can bring in a mobile phone **only if** they walk to and from school themselves.

School dinners, packed lunches, milk and snacks.

As we must stagger sittings in the hall, we are limiting the provision of hot school dinners to children in Nursery (30 hour children), Reception classes and Year 1 and Year 2. Limiting numbers in the hall and cleaning between sittings has an impact on staffing. We will be working to increase capacity and embedding systems so that we can return to our full offer as soon as it practicable and safe. If your child is entitled to free school meals and is in Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6, we will provide supermarket vouchers until we are able to provide a hot meal for them.

As far as I am aware, we will be receiving fruit for children in Nursery, Reception and Year 1 and Year 2. For the first week, milk will be available for all children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. You will receive an order form if you wish your child to continue to have milk after this time.

Children are welcome to bring in a healthy snack. No nuts or chocolate please.

I think that is all the information you will need for the first day!

I know that this will be a worrying time for many of you and especially those of you who are new to Northburn. I am confident that we have been able to implement all government safety recommendations. Staff are mindful that your child may be anxious and have planned a curriculum to support their well-being.

I will be in school this week so if you do have any questions please call or email.

Thank you

Clare Scott