



Peover Superior
Endowed Primary School

Aspire
Educational Trust



Wednesday 3rd March 2021

School Opening information March 8th 2021

Dear Parents / Carers

Please read the following information carefully as it contains important details about full school re-opening on Monday 8th March. We are looking forward to having everyone back in school and are working hard to return to normality as much as possible.

What will school look like?

School will open to all pupils on Monday 8th March 2021. School will run in a very similar way to the autumn term, with minor tweaks.

School will run as 2 large bubbles.

EYFS and Class 1 (LOWER SCHOOL) – Miss Reeks, Miss Crumbleholme

Class 2 and Class 3 (UPPER SCHOOL) – Mrs Ellis-Stansfield, Mrs Lomas, Miss Woodward

Teaching Assistants and Mrs Hesmondhalgh will need to move across bubbles to support teaching and learning, but will wear a mask and stay 2 metres apart from other staff and children as much as possible.

Children will stay in their class bubbles for all their lessons and there will be limited mixing of children across bubbles.

Lateral Flow Testing

All staff in school are testing twice weekly at home using a Lateral Flow test. A negative result means the test did not find signs of coronavirus, but this does not guarantee that a member of staff does not have coronavirus, therefore we will still ensure we follow all COVID guidance. The LFT ensures that we can spot asymptomatic staff quickly. Children in primary schools are currently not required to take a test but this is currently under review.

What will Drop off and Pick up look like?

School will continue to operate two staggered start and finish times- please ensure you arrive promptly.

Upper School Bubble – 8.45 am and 3.30 pm

Lower School Bubble – 9.00 am and 3.15 pm.

The one way system in and out of school will still operate. Please do not block the pathways outside school and remember to be considerate when parking. Children who have siblings in different Upper and Lower school bubbles will drop off and pick up with the oldest child. Please do not park on the school car park.



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Is Wrap Around Care still running?

Children will attend Breakfast Club and Chill Zone in their larger bubbles. The bubbles will be kept apart in the hall and outside space will be utilized. If you would like to book a space please inform Janet as soon as possible. We only have space for up to 15 children in the morning and 30 children each evening so early booking is advisable. Janet has already emailed to ask you to book for next week.

Will there be after school clubs?

We will not be running any after school clubs until after Easter. Premier Sports, drumming with Mr Proctor and other clubs will commence after the Easter break. Lunchtime sports clubs will continue as usual.

Will children be wearing school uniform? What do they need to bring?

For the week beginning 8th March only, ALL children will wear their PE kit every day. We are planning to do outside sport and physical activity each day, therefore your child must be appropriately dressed to exercise outside on the school field. Please ensure they wear a warm layer and trainers – not brand new as they will be muddy! Please can children also bring their wellies to wear if the field is wet. We have lots of wellies left in school and will be attempting to match them with their owner on the first day back, but we would like everyone to be prepared. It is still VERY cold and we will go outside even if it rains.

School uniform will be worn from Monday 15th March, except on the days they do PE. On PE days, we ask that children come ready dressed in their PE kits.

EYFS and Class 1 - Monday and Friday

Class 2 and 3 - Wednesday and Thursday

Children do not need to bring anything else into school except their water bottle, coat and pencil case. Class 3 may bring a small kit bag (as discussed in the autumn term). Children on packed lunches will bring their lunch in their lunch box.

What will you be doing to keep my child safe?

School is following the guidance from the DFE and Public Health England ensuring a range of protective factors are in place. This is very similar to the autumn term. Regular cleaning of school will take place throughout the day as well as routines for hand washing. Hand sanitiser stations will be set up outside each classroom. Adults will still need to stay 2 metres apart from children and other adults in school where possible, but social distancing within class bubbles, whilst encouraged, will not always be possible. Our COVID secure measures mean that we need to increase natural ventilation in school therefore your child may bring an extra layer to wear in the classroom. School has been very cold this term so come wrapped up!



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What will you do to address lost learning? What about 'Catch Up'?

We have a small amount of additional funding from the DFE to support 'Catch Up'. Following on from the excellent progress our children made in the autumn term, we already have intervention planned for specific children, this will continue when we return. All our children will have gaps in their learning. The teachers will identify these gaps, including any knowledge and skills not taught and address the most important building blocks needed for the child's next stage of their education. I personally feel that talking about 'Catch Up' and lost learning is detrimental to our children – we will ensure ALL our children make the progress they need, without constantly worrying them that they are behind. Our usual curriculum will continue but with a tighter focus on basic skills.

Will visitors be allowed in school?

Visitors will be kept to an absolute minimum and no parents will be admitted to school. Visiting professionals and teachers will follow school health and safety guidance as well as risk assessments from their own organisations. All other training/ CPD and visits will be done virtually.

Attendance

From March 8th 2021, attendance to school will once again be mandatory. However, in line with guidance from PHE and the DFE, we ask that you minimise contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend school.

Class 2 – Mrs Ellis-Stansfield and Mrs Lomas

As you are all aware Mrs Ellis-Stansfield is now in her third trimester of her pregnancy. In line with Public Health's guidance, she is classed as clinically vulnerable and has spent the majority of this term teaching remotely from home. When the children return next week, Mrs Lomas will therefore take over as Class 2's substantive teacher. Mrs Ellis-Stansfield will work at home as much as possible but will support Mrs Lomas to ensure a smooth transition over the next few weeks. Her MAT leave will officially begin after Easter. Mrs Ellis-Stansfield will be in school next week to meet her class and work with small groups of pupils as well as continue her role as SENCO. Mrs Lomas has been leading the Class 2 bubble since January and has worked extremely closely with Mrs Ellis-Stansfield. We look forward to her taking over as Class 2's teacher for Mrs E-S's MAT leave.

I hope this letter reassures you about your child's return to school next week. We have planned a gradual start back into the routine of school with lots of sport, outdoor learning and fun tasks – we can't wait to get started!

Mrs L Hesmondhalgh
Principal