



# PARK HILL JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of this very eventful year and are now clear about the government's expectation for September, it is time to share with you our school's plans.

We are very much looking forward to seeing all children back in school on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021**.

We will continue with the current start and end times, at least for the first term. A reminder of the times and entrances below:

- **Y3** - start at 8.50am and finish at 3.15pm. They will use the main pupil gate to enter and leave the school.
- **Y4** - start at 9.05 am and finish at 3.30pm. They will use the main Pupil gate to enter and leave the school.
- **Y5** - start at 8.50am and finish at 3.15pm. They will use the top car park gate to enter and leave the school.
- **Y6** - start at 9.05 am and finish at 3.30pm. They will use the top car park gate to enter and leave the school.

If your child is absent, please inform the school office **by 9:00am, every day of the absence**, by email ([office@phjs.foliotrust.uk](mailto:office@phjs.foliotrust.uk)) or phone (0208 6868623), otherwise your child will be marked unauthorised. Staff will conduct daily home visits of all absent pupils whose parents have not contacted the school.

## **Bubbles and mixing**

The guidance for September says:

We no longer recommend that it is necessary to keep children in consistent groups ('bubbles'). This means that bubbles will not need to be used in schools from the autumn term.

*However, as the children are now used to staying in their year groups we will do our best to retain this system at least for the first half term.*

*We will not need to continue with our one way systems for staff and pupils but children will be encouraged to keep their distance from different year groups.*

## **Assemblies and lunch times**

The guidance says: assemblies can resume, and alternative arrangements to avoid mixing at lunch will not be necessary.

*We have found out that the lunch sittings we currently use works better for us and would be continuing with that system in September.*



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The school dinner menu for the autumn term can be found [here](#). Meals must be paid for, in advance, via ParentPay. Debts on your ParentPay account will not be allowed and you will be asked to provide your child with a packed lunch until the debt is cleared.

### Face Coverings

The guidance also says social distancing will not be necessary and face mask wearing is discretionary, as they are no longer advised for pupils, staff and visitors either in classrooms or in communal areas. However, if there is an outbreak, a director of public health might advise that face coverings should temporarily be worn in communal areas or classrooms (by pupils, staff and visitors, unless exempt).

*We will leave it to staff to make a decision to wear face coverings and we have looked carefully at this in the context of allowing parents on to the school premises at drop off and pick up times. We feel that at drop off time, teachers will not be able to have conversations with parents, therefore coming in to wait with your children or speak with a teacher in the morning will not be possible. Pupils can be dropped off at the school gates. There will always be a member of the senior leadership team, Mrs Evans and support staff on hand to support any children who find this difficult.*

### Contact tracing and bubble closures

The guidance says:

Close contacts will now be identified via NHS Test and Trace and education settings will no longer be expected to undertake contact tracing.

Contacts from a school setting will only be traced by NHS Test and Trace where the positive case specifically identifies the individual as being a close contact.

*If your child shows any symptoms whilst in school, we will ask for them to be picked up and taken home and a PCR test done. Your child must stay at home until the test results come back, then seek advice from Public Health England.*

### Parental contact

Parents are encouraged to continue to make contact with the school **via email and telephone**. If it is necessary to have face to face contact, this can be arranged with the office.

### Uniform

All children should return to school in their **full school uniform** in September. Details can be found on our school website: [www.phjs.co.uk/parent-info/uniform](http://www.phjs.co.uk/parent-info/uniform)

Please note that **boots, leggings and trainers should not** be worn to school. **Trainers** can be worn on PE days.

### PE bags & Kit

There will be **no PE bags** in school because children will come into school in their PE kit on the days they have PE or have a sports club before or after school. Most PE lessons will be outdoors (as advised) so school joggers will be sensible. This has worked very well for the children and has reduced lost items. Children will be informed of these days when they return to school in September. Please ensure your child has the **correct PE kit** – details of this can also be found on our website.

### Park Hill Recovery Curriculum & Learning to Learn week

We recognise that this year has had a lot of upheaval in the children's learning habits due to the lockdowns, isolations and school closures and we know that we will have to spend some time reorienting our pupils back into the school routine. Therefore, children will be learning through our bespoke *Park Hill Recovery Curriculum & Learning to Learn curriculum* for the first two weeks back.



This has been designed specifically with our school community in mind with an aim to ensure that every child is eased back into the rules and routines of school life, whilst acknowledging the difficult experience we have all been through.

### **Children's resources for learning & classroom arrangements**

Please continue to supply your child with a **plain, see-through pencil case containing only:**

- 2 HB pencils
  - 1 whiteboard pen
  - 1 handwriting pen
  - A closed pencil sharpener
  - An eraser
  - A ruler (30cm if possible)
  - A set of colouring pencils
  - 1 Pritt Stick style glue
  - 1 green editing pen
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- Please ensure all of these items are labelled with your child's name (including each pencil). We politely ask you to stick with a clear plastic pencil case as any others will be returned to you because they detract children from learning effectively.
  - Children will bring in a small named bag but with no accessories (e.g. key rings) attached.
  - Children must have their learning planner and a reading book in school every day.
  - Classrooms will still have hand sanitisers for the children to use, however tables will revert to groups and not rows where space allows.

**Our Extended Day provision – Breakfast and After School Clubs** will continue in September. Please book through Helen McCarthy, our Extended Day Manager, via: 07960 610 393 or [hmccarthy2.306@phjs.foliotrust.uk](mailto:hmccarthy2.306@phjs.foliotrust.uk). Places are still available for the summer holiday scheme - if you require a place, please contact Helen using these details.

As term begins, I may have to adapt / change various aspects of these arrangements, but please be assured that everything I do is to keep us all safe and to minimise Covid-19 risks.

As a school community, we all have our part to play in keeping our community safe and ask that if your child is showing any symptoms of coronavirus you keep them at home, secure a PCR test and let our office know. **Under no circumstances should anyone displaying coronavirus symptoms enter the school site.**

**This outline is obviously dependent on no changes before September in the government's guidance.**

We thank you for your support throughout this year and wish you a happy and healthy summer. We look forward to seeing you and your child(ren) in September and if you have any concerns that cannot wait until September our leadership team can be contacted via email: [phjslt@phjs.foliotrust.uk](mailto:phjslt@phjs.foliotrust.uk) This email can also be used to contact us if you have any concerns about the safety of a child or family and you would like advice or support.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs A Pratt - Headteacher



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