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September Reopening

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have had a good summer break and are all keeping well.

The official guidance from the Department for Education and Government has been subject to intense scrutiny by SLT during the summer break and we believe further guidance is due to be released on Bank Holiday Monday.

Below are current arrangements for September - please familiarise yourselves with them. Subject to further guidance from our MAT and the government, changes may occur. Should this happen, we will inform you as promptly as we can.

All children return to school on Thursday 3rd September at the times stated below. Please note the staggered start times and which gate your child needs to arrive at.

What time does my child need to come to school?

	Start Time	Which gate?	End Time
Nursery	8:45am 12.30pm	Green Heath Road	11.45am 3.30pm
Reception	Arrive between 8:45 – 9am	Main Entrance	3pm
Year 1	Arrive between 8:45 – 9am	Green Heath Road	3pm
Year 2	Arrive between 8:45 – 9am	Rosehill	3pm
Year 3	Arrive between 9 – 9:15am	Green Heath Road	3:15pm
Year 4	Arrive between 9 – 9:15am	Main Entrance	3:15pm
Year 5	Arrive between 9 – 9:15am	Rosehill	3:15pm
Year 6	Arrive at 9:15am	Rosehill	3:30pm

The 15 minutes arrival time will give parents time to drop children at different gates if needed. Please do not ask if children can be dropped off at alternative gates as this will not be possible.

Please remember that information about the curriculum and information which is year group specific can be found on our school website in the 'Year Group' sections.

Below are some answers to questions parents may have. I have tried to make the information clear but if you do have further questions please feel free to contact your child's new teacher or contact the school office.

- Unfortunately **only parents who have children in Nursery and Reception will be allowed on site** whilst their children settle into our new routines. Please do not ask to be allowed onto the school premises.
- Mrs Yates, Miss Edkins and Mr Nugent will be positioned at the gates. Pupils will be met by staff before being directed to the appropriate door into class.
- Pupils will have to wash and sanitise their hands upon arrival into class. School will provide all hand sanitiser – children do not need to bring their own.

Do I have to send my child to school in September?

- All children are expected to return to school in September. Our usual attendance procedures will apply.
- If children are unwell, they must not attend school. Please inform the school office by 9.20am.

What if someone in my family has Coronavirus symptoms?

- Get advice from NHS 111 if you're worried about your child and not sure what to do.
- For children aged 5 or over use the NHS 111 online coronavirus service. <https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19>
- For children under 5 please call 111.
- DO NOT attend school but call the office to inform us that someone in the family is unwell.

What if my child develops Coronavirus symptoms during the school day?

- We will contact you immediately. Please ensure your contact details are up to date.
- Pupils will be isolated with a member of staff. Please note, the member of staff will be wearing full PPE equipment.
- The pupil and member of staff will remain away from other members of school until the pupil is collected.
- Please ensure you come to school promptly to collect an unwell pupil and then follow government guidance for testing and isolation.

What happens if I am running late?

- All gates will close at 9:20am.
- Please help us by arriving at the times stated above.
- If in exceptional circumstances you are late, please make your way to the main entrance and call the school office from the red gate. A member of staff will then come to you.

Will my child need a PE kit?

- Your child must come to school in PE kit on the day they have PE. Further information about the days will be available in September but they will not need to come in their kit until the week beginning 7th September.
- School uniform must be worn on all days that they do not have PE.
- Trainers must not be worn as part of school uniform – please ensure children have appropriate, black school shoes. Trainers must not be worn, even if they are black.

Will my child be able to bring anything to school with them?

- A named water bottle can be brought into school on a Monday and left in school until the Friday. Children will be supported to fill them from the filtered water tap in school.
- Lunchboxes can be brought in to school although carrier bags would be preferred where possible as these can be thrown away.
- *No other bags or items are to be in school.*

Will my child have a reading book/spelling book to bring home?

- Up until the October half term, no books will be sent home with the children. Information will be sent home in September for access to online books.

Can my child have a lunch and snack still?

- School lunches will be served in disposable containers.
- Children will be provided with plastic cutlery.
- Children will eat in their classrooms.
- Tuck will not be available but children can bring a HEALTHY snack for break time. Please do not send crisps or chocolate.
- We are awaiting further updates from the 'Fruit Scheme' who usually provide free fruit for KS1 pupils.

Will there be after school clubs and educational visits?

- No visitors will be coming into school during the first half term. This will be reviewed at half term.
- No trips will be organised for the Autumn term.
- After school clubs will not commence in September. This will be reviewed at half term.

Asthma Inhalers and Care Plans

- If your child has a spare inhaler at home, please send it to school with them on Thursday.
- Paperwork for asthma and care plans will be updated during the first few weeks in school. Parents will be contacted regarding this.

Will Care Club be open?

- Yes, but it will run in much smaller bubbles.
- Mrs Thomas can be contacted at d.thomas@pyegreen.staffs.sch.uk for further details and a letter will be emailed to parents before we break up.

Can I still pop to the office to speak to staff?

- Initially, please email your child's class teacher with any queries.
- If your query can not be answered via email, please call the school office and ask for the class teacher or another member of staff to call you back.
- For further discussions, please make an appointment with the school office and a socially distanced meeting will be arranged if necessary.

What are the cleaning arrangements?

- All classrooms will have cleaning materials, hand sanitiser, tissues etc.
- Children will be expected to wash their hands regularly for 20 seconds at a time and use hand sanitiser.
- Our school cleaners will be in school throughout the day cleaning touch points, toilets and the classrooms when the children are outdoors.

Can my child wear a mask in school?

- No children should wear masks in school.
- Anyone who comes to school in a mask will need to remove it at the gate, send it home with parents or double bag it to take home with them. There will be guidance of how to safely remove masks at the school gates.
- Masks must be worn on public transport.
- Lidded bins will be provided at the school gates for disposal of masks.

I am aware that there is a lot of detail here and that some of you may still have further questions. Please email office1@pyegreen.staffs.sch.uk or call the school office with any questions and we will do our best to answer them.

Should there be individual requirements with regards to these arrangements these can be discussed.

Take care and stay safe,

Sarah Yates

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