

15th July 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are looking forward to welcoming your child back in September when we will be fully opening school to all children.

Firs has been open throughout lockdown to some children. We currently have 107 children in school so are confident that the measures we have in place are being successful in keeping children and staff safe in school. We will be continuing these measures in September as well as responding to further government and Trust guidance as it is updated over the summer.

Towards the end of August, we will send out information and updates ready for your child's return to school. We do not want to send out too much information too soon as we are mindful that guidance changes regularly. However, there are some things you need to know in preparation for your child's return as you may need to make arrangements in order to follow the expectations;

- Children return to school on Wednesday 2nd September. They will spend this week in their old class with their old teacher. This is so we can complete informal assessment, make sure children are settled when they return to school and complete some transition activities
- Normal attendance is expected and we will be following up non- attendance in the same way we were prior to lockdown
- During these three days, the children will find out who their new teacher will be and have the opportunity to meet them. They will start in their new class the following Monday
- The school gates in the morning will be open between 8.30 – 9am. Children should come onto the playground through any of the gates. Children will be able to have a piece of toast on the playground if they want one. Parents will not be permitted to enter the school playground at the beginning of the day. If you need to speak to a teacher you will need to telephone to make an appointment or ask at the school office. You can always contact the teacher via Class Dojo as we have been doing during lockdown
- EYFS children will come through the Early Years entrance on Percy street as usual between 8:30 – 9:00am. Parents will also not be permitted to enter the garden and toast will also be available.

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- EYFS Nursery children – To help support transition all Nursery children are invited in for the 3 days Wednesday – Friday regardless of their current Nursery Sessions. Their regular sessions will then begin the following week.
- We ask that parents follow safer distancing guidelines when entering the main entrance and please be patient
- Children will be expected to wear normal school uniform every day. On PE days, children should come to school in their PE kits so they do not have to change. Your child's teacher will inform you of which days your child will do PE
- Children will be very regularly using hand sanitiser and washing their hands while in school
- End of day arrangements will be outlined at the end of August in line with the most up to date guidance. However, these are the things you need to know now so you can make necessary arrangements;
 - Only 1 adult per family should come to school to collect children
 - School-age siblings are not allowed to collect children in September so if your child is normally collected by a brother or sister who is at secondary school or college you need to make arrangements for an adult to collect them
- Apart from a lunch box, children cannot bring any other bags into school. All necessary equipment will be provided and kept in school
- If your child is unwell, shows symptoms of Covid or has been in contact with anyone who has confirmed Covid, please telephone school for guidance before sending them to school
- For the first half term at least, there will be no Breakfast or After-school clubs. If this is going to create a problem for childcare because you are a working parent, please contact school to see if we can help

Unfortunately, school will be closed over the summer break but safeguarding emails will be checked each week. If you have an emergency or need support, please check the school website for safeguarding information. The safeguarding email address is safeguarding@firsprimary.derby.sch.uk.

We will send a text with further information attached at the end of the week beginning 24th August in preparation for children returning the following Wednesday.

We are very excited to welcome you back to school as we have truly missed you!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Paula Martin

Headteacher