



Parent/carer newsletter Spring term 2021



We would like to thank our parents and carers for your continued support. We hope you had a safe and restful Christmas break and we look forward to the children returning for the Spring term.

Spring term

The Department for Education have directed primary schools in Middlesbrough to reopen from the beginning of January 2021. Therefore, we are looking forward to welcoming our pupils back on **Tuesday 5th January**, apart from Acorns nursery. Please see overleaf for the measures we continue to put in place to keep our school community safe.

Social distancing

Please could we remind parents and carers to maintain a **social distance of 2 meters** when dropping and collecting children from school. To reduce the number of people on the yards, please could we ask that only one member per household drops off and collects children from school. The school gates continue to be open for an extended period of time to avoid critical 'pinch points'. Your child can arrive and be collected at any time between:

Morning: 8:45am—9:15 am

Afternoon: 2:45pm—3:15pm

Attendance

At Park End Primary, we know that children learn best when they regularly attend school. Attendance at school continues to be mandatory for all pupils from September 2020.

Schools are required by the Local Authority to follow up any absences.

We realise that returning to school may be an anxious time for some families. If you have any concerns about your child returning to school in January, please contact the school to speak to a member of the Senior Leadership Team or Mrs Walker, the Parent Support Advisor.

School events

School events and trips continue to be cancelled. We will inform you of new dates and arrangements as soon as possible.

Face coverings

Please could we remind parents and carers to continue to wear face coverings when on the school playground.



Home learning

If your child is required to isolate, there are two ways they can access home learning:

- Children who have devices (laptop/iPad/tablet) and internet access at home are to access online learning via seesaw. Seesaw can be accessed through web.seesaw.me
- Children who do not have devices at home, or prefer paper copies of work, will be provided with a paper pack for their isolation period.

If you need any help with home learning, please contact school.

Reducing the spread of Coronavirus

The safety of our school community and keeping children safely in education is our priority. Therefore, robust measures have been put in place to keep everyone safe. There are important actions that everybody must take at all times to help protect the spread of Covid 19. Please see below the actions we have put in place to ensure our pupils, families and staff remain safe at school:

- ◆ Pupils and parents/carers are **not** to enter school if they are displaying any symptoms of coronavirus
- ◆ If a pupil or someone in their household displays symptoms of Covid 19 , that person should get a test.
- ◆ If a pupil or someone in their household displays symptoms of coronavirus, the household should isolate until the result of the test is obtained. Pupils **must not** return to school until the pupil or household member obtains a negative test result

Drop off and collection

- ◆ Parents/carers must collect pupils from their classroom door. Older siblings will not be able to go to their younger sibling's classrooms to be collected to avoid mixing class bubbles

Wrap around care

- ◆ During the Spring term, wrap around care (breakfast club and squirrel club) will not be available. If you urgently need breakfast club, please contact Mrs Walker, Parent Support Advisor

Class bubbles

- ◆ Pupils will continue to be in class bubbles during Spring term.
- ◆ Assemblies and large gatherings will not be held during the Spring term

Personal items

- ◆ Pupils are not to bring personal items in from home with the exception of packed lunches and coats
- ◆ Pupils will need warm coats as windows will be open throughout the day and children will be outside for some lessons to support ventilation

Visitors to school

- ◆ Parents will not be allowed to enter the school building unless for an agreed appointment. If you need to speak to a member of staff, please contact the school via telephone
- ◆ All parent communication will be sent electronically via ParentPay or text message, where possible. Please ensure you are signed up to ParentPay to receive communication from school
- ◆ School will not be accepting any cash payments. Parents are to use ParentPay to make payments to school

Homework

- ◆ Homework will be set via the See Saw app. If your child has difficulty accessing See Saw, please contact school

Hygiene

- ◆ Enhanced cleaning and an increase in promoting personal hygiene (hand washing etc.) will continue to be a priority during Spring term