



Newsletter – Wednesday 3rd March 2021

Welcome back! We are looking forward to seeing children from all year groups back at school on Monday 8th March! The last couple of months have not been easy for anyone and I can only thank you for your fantastic support with the home learning you have undertaken with your child/ren. As a student, many years ago, I worked at Tesco and their strapline of 'every little helps' stuck with me and so every little bit of work that your child has undertaken will have helped them with their learning and their future. And so we thank you for supporting your child with their learning at home during this difficult time. Thank you too to all the key workers who have continued to work during this time – your work is much appreciated. Thanks also to parents/carers who have supported our nurseries staying open to all children.

Much has changed since we were altogether in school in the Autumn Term...we now have the vaccine roll out (as I type this over 20 million people in our country have received their first vaccination) and we now have many staff in our school who are tested twice a week. Some things may never really be the same again, but that happens in all areas of life anyway. New developments and new technology means that we continually have to adapt to new ways of living and working. In developing our plan for the re-opening of school, we have evaluated the previous systems in place and have used your feedback via the recent survey that was sent out and so there are some elements that will be different to what was previously in place. It is therefore worth having a detailed read of the information over the next few pages so that you become familiar with these recent changes.

Arrangements for the return to school for all children: Monday 8th March

Attendance for all children is mandatory from the beginning from Monday 8th March, including for children who have previously, so far, been advised to shield at home. Children who are self-isolating due to quarantining or presenting with symptoms of Coronavirus, or have been exposed to somebody presenting with symptoms of Coronavirus, must not attend school until the self-isolation period has passed or they test negative for Coronavirus (for those quarantining, then it is the specified days from the time of returning). **If your child** presents with Coronavirus symptoms, the self-isolation period is 10 days; **if a member of your household** presents with Coronavirus symptoms, book a test as soon as possible and you all must isolate for 10 days. **Please let our school office know if your child is isolating so that work can be set via Seesaw.** Please see general information below:

Children should wear their full school uniform

Please ensure that you adhere to, and manage, your own social distancing measures in and around our sites at all times

*You are able to enter our site from **8:30am onwards** – **you do not need to wait for a staff member to be present to enter our site***

Please head straight to classroom doors as you arrive and avoid congregating on the pavement outside school or along pathways

*When you enter our sites please ensure any adults and children in your care avoid touching or accessing any of our resources, for example: **the gym equipment or the tyre park***

*A school bag can now be brought to school. Packed lunches can be brought to school as normal.
Children will need their own water bottle *

No medicines will be administered in school until further notice

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Arriving at nursery/school each morning

Children can enter our site from 8:30am like they would do usually but they are to wait at classroom doors until they are opened at the following times (we have additional school bells to support you with this):

Classroom doors opening times			
Year groups	Doors open	Bell	Doors closed
Y1TL, Y1/2OB, Y2JW	8:40am	First bell	9:10am
Y3LK, Y3/4CS, Y4HJ	8:50am	Second bell	9:10am
Y5JY, Y5/6NC, Y6AJM	8:50am	Second bell	9:10am
DS Nursery and Reception	9:00am	Third bell	9:10am
Lancaster Avenue Nursery	9:00am	-	9:10am

If you are bringing 'multiple' children, then we will be asking them to bring all your children for the 'later' time. For example:

-if you have a child in Y1TL and a child in our Darlington Street Nursery child, aim to arrive for **9:00am** with both children

-if you have a child in Y1/2OB and a child in Y5JY, aim to arrive for **8:50am** with both children

****We have made KS1 an earlier time as the main entrance path to access Y2JW is usually quite busy and in doing this we will have less people in this area as other classes start to arrive at 8:50am. Therefore, if your child is in Y2JW, please support us with this by moving away from this area as soon as your child has entered the classroom****

Entering and leaving our site (morning)

Year groups	Gates to enter our site	Classroom doors open	Gates to leave our site
LA Nursery	Main gate	9:00am	Main gate
DS Nursery	Nursery side of school gates	9:00am	Nursery side of school gates
Reception	Nursery side of school gates	9:00am	Nursery side of school gates
Y1TL	Nursery side of school gates	8:40am	Nursery side of school gates
Y1/2OB	Nursery side of school gates	8:40am	Nursery side of school gates
Y2JW	Main entrance gates	8:40am	Main entrance gates
Y3LK	Main entrance gates	8:50am	Peel Hall side of school gates
Y3/4CS	Main entrance gates	8:50am	Peel Hall side of school gates
Y4HJ	Peel Hall side of school gates	8:50am	Peel Hall side of school gates
Y5JY	Peel Hall side of school gates	8:50am	Peel Hall side of school gates
Y5/6NC	Peel Hall side of school gates	8:50am	Peel Hall side of school gates
Y6AJM	Peel Hall side of school gates	8:50am	Peel Hall side of school gates

If you are bringing 'multiple' children to school, then we ask that you arrive at a later time and also plan a 'safe route' for you to access and leave our site

****We have changed from our 'one-way' system as we are now aiming to make more use of amended classroom door opening timings to ensure that you can enter and leave our site in a safe and efficient matter****

****Please aim to walk on the left side of any paths as you are on our site to allow for people walking in the opposite direction****

****Should you wish to speak to any of our staff (including the school office or nursery office), please telephone or email****

****At our school site, we will have a staff member positioned on the main entrance gate and the Peel Hall gate from 8:35am each morning and so your children will be safe if you allow them to enter our site on their own. This would reduce the amount of people accessing our site and would probably work well for older Key Stage 2 children****

****Please DO NOT access our school site via the staff/visitor car park when dropping children off****

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Collecting from nursery/school each afternoon

Please see below the times classroom doors will be opened at the end of the day (there will be no schools bells for this):

Classroom doors opening times	
Year groups	Doors open
Lancaster Avenue Nursery	3:00pm
DS Nursery and Reception	3:00pm
Y1TL, Y1/2OB, Y2JW	3:00pm
Y3LK, Y3/4CS, Y4HJ	3:15pm
Y5JY, Y5/6NC, Y6AJM	3:20pm

If you are collecting 'multiple' children, then we will be asking them to collect all your children for the 'later' time. For example:

-if you have a child in Reception and child in Y3LK, aim to arrive to collect both children for **3:15pm**

-if you have a child in Y2JW and a child in Y6AJM, aim to arrive to collect both children **3:20pm**

The main gates to access our playground will be unlocked at **2:50pm** each day

The little 'breakfast club' gate near Y3LK will be unlocked at **3:00pm** each day

The Peel Hall side of school gate will be unlocked at **3:00pm** each day

****Even though, the main gates to access our playground will be unlocked at 2:50pm, please do not think you have to access our site at this time, especially if you are only picking up at 3:15pm or 3:15pm. Lessons will still be going on for children in classes up until the doors open and there may be children in classrooms getting changed from their PE lessons****

Entering and leaving our site (afternoon)

Year groups	Gates to enter our site	Classroom doors open	Gates to leave our site
LA Nursery	Main gate	3:00pm	Main gate
DS Nursery	Nursery side of school gates	3:00pm	Nursery side of school gates
Reception	Nursery side of school gates	3:00pm	Nursery side of school gates
Y1TL	Nursery side of school gates	3:00pm	Nursery side of school gates
Y1/2OB	Nursery side of school gates	3:00pm	Nursery side of school gates
Y2JW	Main entrance gates	3:00pm	Main entrance gates
Y3LK	Main entrance gates	3:15pm	Peel Hall side of school gates
Y3/4CS	Main entrance gates	3:15pm	Peel Hall side of school gates
Y4HJ	Peel Hall side of school gates	3:15pm	Peel Hall side of school gates
Y5JY	Peel Hall side of school gates	3:20pm	Peel Hall side of school gates
Y5/6NC	Peel Hall side of school gates	3:20pm	Peel Hall side of school gates
Y6AJM	Peel Hall side of school gates	3:20pm	Peel Hall side of school gates

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****For Y5 & Y6 children parents/carers only: you could arrange for your child to leave school at 3:20pm and meet you at an agreed point. Any such arrangements need to be communicated to the class teacher and need to be consistent as we will not be 'radioing' for children on a daily basis****

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I appreciate that there is much to take in. I did not feel the need for another '12-page newsletter with pictures on' that you received in August when we re-opened to all children for the first time. We would appreciate your support by reading through the information and ensuring you 'have a plan' with regards to the new timings and access points for school as we 'nudge' towards a return to 'normality'. Please also have a 'back up' plan as, just like in September, we have not yet have the opportunity to 'test' our new plan with over 330 children and families accessing our school site and over 40 children and families accessing our Lancaster Avenue Nursery. Please see below other information that will support you and your child for when they return to school:

Safety in nursery/school – All our previous safety precautions from when we re-opened in September 2020 will be in place:

- on arrival children will wash their hands and regular hand washing in small groups will take place throughout the day;
- resources used will be rotated and will be regularly cleaned;
- regularly used surfaces and other equipment will be wiped down throughout the day;
- staggered playtimes/lunchtimes will be organised with each group of children playing together with their own equipment to use and
- seating at lunchtime will be organised to minimise the chance of children/adults mixing groups.

Breakfast club – Our breakfast club will open again on Monday 8th March. From now on, we are asking that you book a place for Breakfast Club via the following email address: breakfastclub@saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk



This email address is now 'live' and so if you would like your child to access our breakfast club please email with the days you wish them to attend. Bookings can be made on a week by week basis. Please ensure we receive your email by 3:30pm each Friday so that we can make the necessary arrangements in school (even if your child has previously accessed breakfast club).



Seesaw – We will be continuing with our use of the online platform 'Seesaw' for children who are isolating due to COVID-19. Teachers will also start make use of Seesaw to send you messages and to set weekly home learning for your child. Staff in Early Years will continue to use it to keep you informed about your child's learning and to set challenges.

Reading books – We cannot stress the importance of your children reading each day and so we are pleased to inform you that reading books and planners can now be brought into school daily so that books can be changed during the week. For Nursery and KS1 children, please also continue to access Reading Eggs: <https://readingeggs.co.uk/> and KS2 children should continue to access Reading Plus: <https://www.readingplus.co.uk/>



March 2021 PE lessons/kits

Children in Y5JY and Y4HJ to come to school on Monday in outdoor PE kits. All classes to bring indoor PE kits into school on Monday

Outdoor lessons:		Indoor lessons:	
Kits needed to be worn for school on these days (Y1 – Y6) <small>*We will keep you updated with when school swimming starts</small>		PE pumps to be kept in school for Nursery children & indoor PE kit to be kept in school and taken home each half term (R-Y6)	
Day	Class	Day	Class
Monday	Y5JY and *Y4HJ	Monday	Reception, Nursery, Y2JW and Y5/6NC
Tuesday	Y1TL and Y5/6NC	Tuesday	Reception, Nursery, Y4HJ and Y1/2OB
Wednesday	Y1/2OB and *Y3/4CS	Wednesday	Reception, Nursery, Y1TL and Y5JY
Thursday	Y6AJM and *Y3LK	Thursday	Y3/4CS
Friday	Y2JW	Friday	Reception, Nursery, Y6AJM and Y3LK



****Snack will be FREE for all children in school for the rest of this term.**

We will email you a snack payment letter for the half term after Easter in the next few weeks**



Should you any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us in school. I look forward to seeing you all next Monday.

Mr M Grogan, Headteacher

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