



## **Parkside Middle School**

### **Guidance for Parents/Carers for Children in Year 6 returning to school from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020**

The Government have deemed it safe for Year 6 pupils to return to school from 1<sup>st</sup> June. We will follow the guidelines so that the pupils are as safe as possible at all times and will be putting procedures in place to ensure this.

**It is up to you as parents/carers to decide if you feel it is safe for your child/children to return to school under these circumstances.** Whilst you are encouraged to take up the place offered, there will be no fines for non-attendance. The government is clear in the guidance that we cannot be expected to maintain a social distance of 2 metres at all times with pupils but we will be working through a range of measures that include:

- **Avoiding contact with anyone with symptoms – any child displaying any symptoms at home must not be sent into school and any child with symptoms in school will be isolated and immediately sent home**
- **Frequent hand cleaning and good respiratory hygiene practice**
- **Regular cleaning of our school environment**
- **Minimising contact and mixing with peers and staff**

It is hoped that the following guidance enables you to make up your mind as to whether you deem it safe to send your child back to school.

#### **Class Sizes and Organisation**

Pupils will be taught in classes no bigger than 15 pupils, though we expect this to be no more than 10 in the first instance. They will be taught in the same classroom throughout the week and will stay with the same group of pupils. Desks will be spaced out and children will have their own space which will remain the same throughout the week. Classrooms will be fully cleaned at the end of each day.

We request that items being brought to school are kept to a minimum and therefore will be providing all stationery items for the children. All belongings will be kept in the classroom under their desk, we will not be using cloakroom areas or lockers.

#### **Teaching and Curriculum**

Pupils will have contact with the minimum number of staff. They will be instructed to wash and/or sanitise their hands at regular intervals.

The curriculum will be focussed on core skills in English and Maths with reading prioritised. Please can you ensure that your child/children bring an appropriate reading book that will be kept in school. As the term progresses, library books will be ordered through Junior Librarian and will be delivered to the class. There will be weekly access to the foundation subjects with outside learning being encouraged.

Pupils and staff will not be expected to wear school uniform. Guidelines encourage people to change clothes as soon as they get in and place them straight in the wash, so a change of clothes is necessary each day. Pupils will need to be dressed ready to participate in PE activities, there will be no access to changing rooms.

Learning will look different. Pupils will have teacher-led lessons. All books will be kept on their desks and feedback will be verbal and self-assessment. There will be no homework set.

Remote Learning will still be provided for those pupils not in school.

### **Break and Lunch times**

Break and lunch times will be staggered. Each group will have their own area of the playing field or playground and will be socially distanced from others.

School dinners will be available at lunchtime but will need to be pre-ordered during registration. Lunch will be eaten in the classrooms.

**There will be no break time service from the canteen.** Pupils will need to bring their own snack which they will store in their classroom.

### **Entry and Exit**

These will both be staggered to allow as low a number of people as possible to be entering and exiting school at the same time. Further information on timings for each group is provided below:

	6EO	6BA	6AY	6JN	6KW
Entry to include hand washing	8.30am Side Entrance	8.45am Side Entrance	9.00am Side Entrance	9.15am Side Entrance	9.30am Side Entrance
Leaving school	2.15pm	2.30pm	2.45pm	3.00pm	3.15pm

In order to ensure social distancing and the safety of all, pupils must be dropped off away from the school site and walk along the normal pathway and then via the normal pupil entrance. This will avoid mixing with First School pupils and other pupils who will enter via the main entrance. They will be expected to maintain social distancing and not wait for friends.

Pupils will line up outside in their class groups on the playground adhering to the social distancing markers.

**No parents will be allowed on site at any time and we would appreciate your support in maintaining social distancing. Any communication with school needs to be via email or phone calls to the school office. There are no after school clubs this term.**

### **Transport to and from School**

Where possible pupils should walk or cycle to school. Where this is not possible, parents should park well away from the school site.

## **Movement around School**

This will be kept to a minimum. Each corridor and stairwell will be one way to limit the amount of contact and pupils mixing.

## **Cleaning**

As prior to closing, there will be continual cleaning of all touch points, i.e. handles, taps, toilets, doors etc. Each classroom used will be thoroughly cleaned each evening.

## **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) including face coverings and face masks**

Wearing a face covering or face mask in schools or other education settings is **not recommended** in government guidance. However, if you or your child feels safer and more confident in wearing an appropriate face mask then we will allow this.

## **Shielded and Clinically Vulnerable Children**

For the vast majority of children and young people, coronavirus is a mild illness. Children and young people (0 to 18 years of age) who have been classed as clinically extremely vulnerable due to pre-existing medical conditions have been advised to shield. We do not expect these children to be attending school, and they should continue to be supported at home as much as possible. Clinically vulnerable (but not clinically extremely vulnerable) people are those considered to be at a higher risk of severe illness from coronavirus. A small minority of children will fall into this category, and parents should follow medical advice.

If a child, young person or a member of staff lives with someone who is clinically vulnerable (but not clinically extremely vulnerable), including those who are pregnant, they can attend their education or childcare setting.

If a child, young person or staff member lives in a household with someone who is extremely clinically vulnerable, as set out in the COVID-19: guidance on shielding and protecting people defined on medical grounds as extremely vulnerable guidance, it is advised they only attend an education or childcare setting if stringent social distancing can be adhered to and, in the case of children, they are able to understand and follow those instructions. This may not be possible for very young children and older children without the capacity to adhere to the instructions on social distancing. If stringent social distancing cannot be adhered to, we do not expect those individuals to attend. They should be supported to learn or work at home.

## **Government Guidance**

There is a set of additional questions with answers such as *what happens if someone becomes unwell at an educational or childcare setting?* in the guidance on the link below entitled Coronavirus (COVID-19): implementing protective measures in education settings:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-education-and-childcare-settings/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-education-and-childcare-settings>

The link to the government guidance for parents/carers is:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june>