



Greenfield Primary School

Excellence and Enjoyment for All

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Dear Parents/Carers

The following information explains how we plan to operate from September 2021. These plans may well have to change if the government or local council issues new guidance to schools during August.

As the Covid19 restrictions continue to be lifted, we would like to inform you how we plan to reopen in September. We have seen some benefits to the procedures we've had to put in place during this pandemic and plan to keep some of the new things we've introduced in the past 18 months.

Start and End Times

School will start at 8:55am for all children (Year 1 to Year 6) in September (with the exception of nursery children who will continue to start school at 8:30am). We have found a huge benefit for children being able to arrive at a constant flow in the mornings. Therefore, we will open all external doors at 8:45am to allow a 10-minute window for children to arrive and settle into class. Doors will close promptly at 9:00am and all late arrivals should report to the school office.

Children in EYFS (Acorns, Ash & Elm) and Key Stage 1 - KS1 (Ash, Pine & Maple) should enter school through their classroom doors. Children in Key Stage 2 - KS2 (Birch, Year 3; Willow, Year 4; Hazel, Year 5 and Oak, Year 6) can enter using either the door at the far end of the building or the fire exit at the back of the building. This will reduce congestion at all entrances.

School will finish at 3:15pm for all children in September (with the exception of nursery children who will continue to finish school at 3:30pm). At the end of the day, children in EYFS and KS1 will be handed over to their parents through their classroom doors. Children in Years 3&4 will be brought into the main school playground to be handed over to parents, whereas children in Years 5&6 will be handed over in the overflow carpark. This decision has again been made to reduce congestion and allow for a safer hand over.

For the first week in September, new Reception children in Ash & Elm classes will start at 9:30am and be collected at 3:00pm. Following that week, the start time will be the same as Year 1 to Year 6.

Breaks and Dinner Times

Children in Reception and KS1 will now all return to playing out together during their break times. We have seen some benefits to bubbles at playtimes but feel the need for social interaction across classes is much more important. Children in KS2 will also all play together at a different time to the infants.

We will be working on improving the provision at playtimes with hoops, soft footballs etc and providing more areas and activities for children to play and relax during their break times.

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Equipment and Packed Lunches

We would still like to limit the amount of equipment and belongings brought into school. Classrooms have little storage and we've noticed a marked improvement to the tidiness and safe storage of equipment and belongings whilst we have limited them.

Children are urged not to bring bags into school. They must also not bring in any oversized pencil cases or any general toys, fiddle toys or footballs unless previously agreed with school.

We will provide children with all stationary needed whilst at school but are again asking that you provide your child with an individual pack of pencil crayons and felt tips. We are allowed to share equipment again between children but still want to limit the equipment which tends to make its way regularly into children's mouths.

Any children on packed lunches can bring their lunch in a small bag or lunch box which will be stored on shelves in the cloakroom in KS1 or in a large box in KS2.

PE Kits and Uniforms

We have noticed a massive benefit of children coming to school in their PE kits on their specified days. We have not had time wasted getting dressed and undressed, we have limited lost property and again it has helped in the safe storage of belongings. We are therefore going to keep the routine of coming to school in PE kits on your child's specified days.

Please ensure that this kit is made up of plain black jogging pants, leggings or shorts (no branded / logoed clothing is allowed) and trainers. Children are also to wear their white school polo top and jumper/cardigan on these days too.

We have noticed a lack of correct school uniform in the past few months and ask that you ensure your child returns to school in September in full, correct school uniform.

<https://www.greenfieldprimaryschool.com/click-on-the-icon-to-view-admissions-primary-and-s/>

Mobile phones

We have recently updated our mobile phone policy and you should have received this through email in the past weeks. Please ensure that if your child requires a mobile phone at school that you complete the necessary paperwork from the school office and ensure that your child hands their phone into the school office each day.

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Face coverings and social distancing

We will no longer be asking parents to wear a face covering on entering the school grounds, neither will we insist on social distancing. However, we understand that some may still wish to wear a face covering and keep their distance from others and we ask all parents and carers to respect the choices of others.

Illnesses

We remind you that any child who has suffered with diarrhoea or vomiting must remain off school for 48 hours after the last occurrence.

<https://www.greenfieldprimaryschool.com/letters/>

Covid-19 Restrictions/Procedures

Schools have received notification that during August, the government and local councils will be putting together guidance for schools. This will apply to the operation of school from September 2021. As soon as we have more information it will be passed on to parents, as this may change our current plans.

I hope you will join me and my staff on congratulating Mrs Lavin who has informed me she is expecting her second child. We would also like to welcome back Mrs Lewthwaite from her maternity leave.

I hope you find this information useful and that it helps you to prepare for your child's return on **Monday 6th September 2021**. Thank you for your continued support.

I do hope you all have a lovely break, take care and stay safe.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Wood
Headteacher