

Return to School Information

Dear Parents/Carers,

Hopefully all families have had a restful summer break and have enjoyed a little more freedom now restrictions have been lifted and you are ready for your child/ren to return to school on **Monday 6th September**. Below is information relating to the return to school procedures which we hope will be uninterrupted this year. Guidance from the Government (School's COVID-19 Operational Guidance) was released during the holidays, and it is this guidance that we will be following to ensure a safe return to school.

Risk Assessment The risk assessment will continue to be uploaded to the school website and will be updated on a regular basis to ensure it is up to date with any changes in guidance and legislation. As a school, we will be continuing with stringent cleaning, ensuring ventilation and continuing with all hygiene practices in school with frequent handwashing and hand-gelling. Class bubbles are also no longer required in school.

Testing Positive for COVID-19 Public health advice will continue to be followed. Any adult or child with COVID-19 symptoms or a positive LFT should not attend school and a PCR test should be booked. If your child develops symptoms in school, you will be contacted to come and collect your child and follow public health advice. Currently, the advice is anyone with symptoms should arrange a PCR test and isolate until results are received. Children are **no longer required** to self-isolate if they come into contact with, or live in the same household as, someone with COVID-19.

Entry/Exit to School Although staggered starts and exits are no longer mandatory from September, it is envisaged that adults bringing and collecting children to and from school will ensure social distancing on the school grounds to minimise any risk. A 'drop and go' system should be followed to prevent a build-up of parents and children on the yard. **The gates and all classroom doors will open at 8.35am and close at 8.45am.** After this time, children must be brought to the main office. **The gates will again open at 3.35pm (Mon-Thur) and 12.55pm on a Friday.**

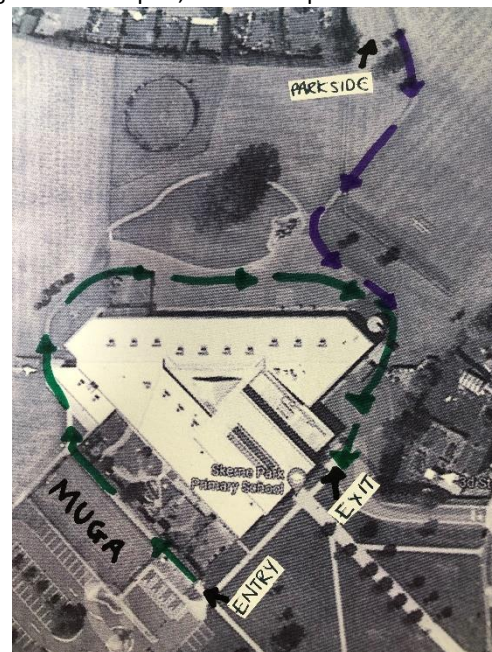
The one-way system for drop-off and collection will remain. All parents will enter the yard via the front of the school building near the MUGA entrance and exit via the service yard side of the school. The Parkside gate will be open, and it is expected that parents will join the one-way system (see photo) if they need to drop off in EYFS/3S/Pathways. Years 1 – 6 can go straight to the classroom door. This is to ensure the safety of our parents and children as they make their way around the school at a very busy time of the day.

Breakfast Club + Friday Club (1.00pm-3.00pm) Parents should continue to drop off children at the service yard entrance from 8.00am for breakfast club. Please email caroline.douglas@skernepark.org.uk if your child will be attending breakfast club and purchase a payment card on Parent Pay. If you are a working parent and require a place at the after school club on Friday (1.00pm-3.00pm), a letter will be sent home with your child next week for you to fill in and return to secure your child's place.

Lunches If you have not already done so, please could you email caroline.douglas@skernepark.org.uk to inform us of your child's lunch choice – packed lunch or school dinner. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will continue to receive free school meals as funded by the government.

School Day The school day starts at 8.40am and ends at 3.40pm Mon-Thurs and 1.00pm on a Friday. Please ensure your child brings their filled water bottled every day.

If you have any other questions please call the office or email enquiries@skernepark.org.uk and we will be happy to help. We look forward to seeing you and your children on Monday.



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Mrs Hardy
Head Teacher