



# THE DEAN TRUST Park View Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am now able to provide you with an update for all children returning to school on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March**. Doors will open ten minutes earlier than usual at **8.30am and will close at 8.50am promptly**. Please ensure that all children arrive during this 20-minute time slot. This will avoid children travelling through the school and ultimately reducing risk of infection. At the end of the day doors will open for Early Years, Year 1 and Year 2 at 3 o'clock. Year 3 and 4 will finish at 3:05 and Year 5 and 6 will finish at 3:10. These 5-minute windows will help with congestion off the school site.

Parents of Year 2 children, please note that the entrance and exit to the school building will now be on the **junior yard** due to the completion of a new entrance door specific to your year group.

## Government Guidance

Our number one priority is the safety of our children and staff. Our risk assessment has been, once again, updated in line with government guidance. This can be found on our website for your reference. This will continue to change depending on government directive.

## Day to Day Organisation

Children will remain in their class 'bubble' at all times and contact with others will be limited as much as physically possible. Our risk assessment puts clear measures and restrictions in place that all staff must follow. Should we have a confirmed Covid-19 case in a bubble, it is the decision of school leaders and Public Health England who should be classed as a 'close contact'. Should children have to isolate, we will continue delivering educational provision via Google Classroom.

## Lunch arrangements

We will be moving back to a full, hot dinner menu choice for children immediately. Parents can purchase a lunch for their child in the normal way. Children who are entitled to a free school meal will be provided with a meal as usual. If your child would prefer to bring a packed lunch in from home, please send this in a disposable bag so that everything can be disposed of immediately after use. This will avoid items being brought to and from school. Children **MUST NOT** bring their own water bottle to school. We will provide water for all children.

## Uniform

Children are expected to wear full **from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March**. To support parents, we have decided that school summer uniform is acceptable from this date also.

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## **PE kits**

Children should wear full PE kit for PE lessons. PE kit should be brought in on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March or on the first day of PE. These will remain in school until the Easter Holidays. In years 5 and 6, PE kits can be brought home at the end of each week for washing.

## **Book Bags**

Reading books will be sent home each Monday and returned each Friday. This will mean that items traveling to and from school is limited. Book bags should be sent in each Friday and will be returned each Monday with a new reading book. No other items should be sent into school.

## **Breakfast Club and After School Club**

Breakfast club will be provided as normal and will start at 8.00am. Children will enter into breakfast club through their normal entrance to class door, **not the normal breakfast club entrance**. For at least the first full week we will be unable to provide after school provision. We understand that this is not ideal or convenient. We hope to have this up and running as soon as possible. We will review this on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March for the following week.

## **Attendance**

The Government have made clear that attendance is mandatory and not optional. If your child is unable to attend school you should report this is the normal way.

## **Mental Health and Wellbeing**

The mental health and wellbeing of all members of our school community remains paramount at this time. We have plans in place to ensure that the curriculum is appropriately paced and that learning is structured in a way that provides much needed time for the outdoors, for enjoyment and for conversation.



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## **Trips and Visits**

Initially, we are not planning any school trips upon our return. However, we will keep this under review as we are keen to provide these extra-curricular opportunities, when possible. In light of announcements regarding the 'road map', we will keep parents updated as regards this.

## **Covid Catch-Up**

Upon returning to school, we will ensure that we have celebrated children's efforts during lockdown, whilst also assessing gaps in learning that need to be addressed. This will be done sensitively during the children's return to ensure wellbeing and good mental health.

We are delighted to have all the children back in school and we hope that learning will continue in our normal academic pattern. Thank you for taking the time to read this information.

If you require any further clarification please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully,



Mr. D. Kenny

Headteacher



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