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Wednesday 2nd September 2020

Term 1 return for all pupils to Perry Court E-ACT Academy

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you've had an enjoyable summer and are looking forward to your child(ren) returning to school. In line with government recommendations, we are intending to open to all year groups on Friday 4th September unless you are in nursery or reception and having a phased return. There are still a large number of control measures that are in place and this letter details everything that you need to know – most of which will be a recap on what was stated in the last letter of term 6 in July. Please also see the video on Facebook.

Our risk assessment for full reopening has been reviewed by our trust and staff will be having additional health and safety training during our INSET days to guarantee that protocols will be met.

There is a great deal of information within this letter so please read it all carefully. Thank you.

General Information

Both entrances/exits will be in operation again i.e. the Great Hayles Road and Mile Walk ones. However, this will be on a trial basis and should there be any congestion, we will have to revert to the one-way distance which we operated in term 6.

We will be utilising all classrooms and year groups will be homed in their usual positions. Most year groups will be sitting at tables which will be forward facing. Any younger children who have floor spaces, will have their own designated spot.

Clearly set out safety and social distancing protocols have been agreed and are contained within our school risk assessment.

There will be staggered breaks and lunchtimes and whole school assemblies in the hall will remain postponed, but I will continue to do a video celebration assembly and there will be class assemblies occurring.

Stationery packs will be supplied to each child.

Any bags or lunch bags/boxes will be kept on your child's chair during the day.

Grouping

Pupils are remaining in their class 'bubbles' throughout the day. This means that for break and lunch times, they will be kept separate from other classes, at least until there is further guidance from the government.

Transport and Parking

If you can walk to school, please do. If you have to bring a scooter or bike to school please walk it carefully around the site. If your child has to travel to school by taxi or bus please let us know and be aware of the public transport guidelines in place.



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Arriving at school and on-site safety

We are operating a staggered drop off and pick up system. Maintaining social distancing is of paramount importance so we ask you to ensure that you arrive at school within the time frame listed below and neither early nor late. **Only one parent should drop off or pick up.** If absolutely necessary, a sibling may be brought as well. In this case, you can be on site at the latest time you need in the morning and at the earliest time at the end of the day. Alternatively, you can wait on site, socially distanced, until it's the time for your other child(ren) to go into/come out of class. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Finally, if it helps, you can drop your KS2 child(ren) – years 4-6, off at the entrance in the morning for them to then walk into school themselves. Members of staff will be at both entrances and around the school site at morning drop off time.

Children will line up at the start of the day where they would normally line up for their year group – see the table mentioned previously below.

This video will allow you to see how the drop off and pick up will look at school. <https://youtu.be/tro2PgBZtpw>

Year Group	Arrival Time	Drop-off Point	Departure Time
N	9:00	Nursery playground	2:50
R	9:00	Reception playground	2:50
1	8:50	KS1 playground	3:20
2	8:50	KS1 playground	3:20
3	8:40	Cage	3:10
4	8:40	Cage	3:10
5	8:30	KS2 playground	3:00
6	8:30	KS2 playground	3:00



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NB Children will be collected at the end of the day from their classroom doors.

Reception will be attending on a part time basis initially which will be a different timetable to this and you will have received this timetable already. These Reception timings above will be for when the children are full time.

Year 6 pupils will be allowed to leave at their allotted time. We will assume that you will be collecting year 6s from the playground unless you tell us otherwise.

Permission letters home and collection at the end of the day

Going forward, to ensure your child's safety, we will only be allowing children in years 5 and 6 to walk home if a permission slip has been completed and if your child is responsible enough to do this. It may be necessary to discuss this with you before your child is allowed to walk home. Should this be the case your child's class teacher will contact you.

We will also be bringing into operation a password system for all children (except those in year 5 and 6 who are responsible enough to walk home and have a permission letter completed). This means, should you be unable to collect your child and have sent someone else to do this in your place, as well as informing the school office, the person collecting your child will need to give the password to your child's class teacher. Over the next few days, class teachers will be contacting you for the password you would like to use. We would appreciate your support with this as your child's safety is our utmost concern.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club will recommence but will need to be booked in advance as no walk-ins will be allowed. Breakfast club is booked via ParentPay. Please note that all dinners, including universal free school meals (those children in reception, year one or year two) or general free school meals need to be booked also via ParentPay. Please contact the office should you have any issues using ParentPay by emailing: receptionper@e-act.org.uk

After School Clubs

These will recommence also and information will go out shortly.

Handwashing

All pupils will have access to handwashing/sanitising facilities and will be asked to wash their hands on entering their classroom. Hands will be washed frequently throughout the school day.

Cleaning

Cleaners will be on site throughout the school day to thoroughly wipe surfaces, handles, resources and clean toilets etc. We may also ask pupils to wipe down their own resources.

In order to keep items for cleaning to a minimum, please can children refrain from bring toys and soft toys into school.

Uniform

We will be asking for pupils to wear school uniform again. This includes grey / black trousers/skirt/dress, plus blue or white polo shirt and a blue jumper, either with a school motif or without. Footwear should be sensible school shoes (no heels please) and not trainers. No extra washing in addition to your normal washing schedule is required.



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Physical Education

We will also be returning to wearing PE kits, but we request that your child wears their PE kit to school on the day(s) that they do PE – see table below. PE will be outside where possible. Please ensure that they are wearing the correct kit (trainers, plain white t-shirt, black shorts/tracksuit bottoms/leggings, school jumper or plain black jumper.) Please be mindful of the weather and have your child wear tracksuit bottoms/ jumpers when the weather begins to cool.

We normally keep a stock of 'spare' clothing for children that have forgotten their kit or have accidents during the day but this is limited. As there is a greater chance of this in Reception, please could Reception parents also send in a carrier bag with some spare clothes.

Year group	PE day
Reception	Tuesday
Year 1	Wednesday
Year 2	Thursday
Year 3	Tuesday
Year 4	Thursday
Year 5	Wednesday
Year 6	Monday

Lunches and snacks

There will be staggered lunchtimes and we will be using the hall as a dining space for hot meals.

Packed lunches will be eaten in classrooms. If bringing a packed lunch from home, please ensure that children can open the food packages themselves. We will also send them home with their rubbish to limit visits to the bins.

Only hot meals will be available to book via ParentPay and there will be no salad bar until further notice.

Pupils should bring their own filled water bottles, plus for KS2, a healthy piece of fruit as a mid-morning snack. We believe that the normal government fruit scheme deliveries for Reception and KS1 will be resuming in September, but this sometimes takes a day or two to commence, so please feel free to send your Reception/Year 1/Year 2 with a piece of fruit for their first few days as they are likely to be hungry.

All parents who had children in the previous academic year in year 2 (so now going into year 3) to apply for pupil premium funding (link below) if they haven't already done so, as access to Free School Meals doesn't automatically transfer across when your child moves to Year 3. Therefore, your child(ren) will not have access to Free School Meals without applying for this funding.

<https://www.bristol.gov.uk/schools-learning-early-years/free-school-meals>

Medication

Should your child need to use an asthma inhaler or take medication please make sure this comes in with them alongside the relevant paperwork. Any boxes medication comes with need to also come in with the medication.



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IT equipment

Any laptops or other equipment loaned out by the school and not already returned needs to be the first day of term.

Sun safety

We will be using the outdoors as much as possible. We would prefer it if a 24-hour sun cream could be applied before school (that is, if we have a sunny September). If that is not possible please send in a named cream which will be kept on your child's desk. These will not be allowed to be shared and children must be able to apply it themselves.

If any member of your household is currently displaying Covid-19 symptoms, your child should not be brought into school. If this is the case, please notify the school and refer to the appropriate and most recent government guidance.

Although school will look very different, as will the routines we are all used to, we are still committed to offering an all-round education, so when your child returns, there will be academic learning, but this will be balanced with lots of activity to get used to being back in school again, and being in a new year group with lots of talking and re-building of our school community. Our vision is to be a place where children are successful learners, growing and learning together, but in an environment they enjoy and feel safe in. This is what we still intend to do, albeit through some very different circumstances. We do not know how long these measures will be in place, and we hope to be back to normality as soon as it is safe to do so.

I appreciate there is a great deal here to take in. Please contact us at school by email if you have any questions that you feel have not been answered here. Also, if you need to have a chat about anything with a teacher or with the office, please email to book in a phone chat with the appropriate person for your query, as we are not holding any face to face meetings at this time.

Please be assured that we will do our utmost to keep your children and our staff as safe as we can during these challenging times and will endeavour to make learning as fun and engaging as we possibly can.

Kind regards,

N. Reynolds

Ms Reynolds and the Perry Court Team



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