



MEADGATE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Arrangements for September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to inform you about the school arrangements from 2nd September 2021. When the children return to school there will be some changes that you must all know about.

Staggered Start and Finish

Firstly we will be maintaining a staggered start and finish for our classes. This will not only ensure that fewer parents/carers are on site in larger groups at the same time but reduce the number of cars parking around the school at the same time. Therefore children in reception, year 1 and year 2 will start at 8.45am and finish at 3.05pm and children in year 3, year 4, year 5 and year 6 will start at 8.55am and finish at 3.15pm. Older siblings in year 3, year 4, year 5 and year 6 can be dropped off with their younger siblings but must be collected at 3.15pm from the designated collection space.

Reception class will use their side gate to enter and leave.

Year 1 will use their side gate to enter and leave.

Year 2 will use the playground entrance to enter and leave.

Year 3 will use the playground external stairs to enter and leave.

Year 4 will use the playground entrance to enter and leave.

Year 5 will use the playground external stairs to enter and leave.

Year 6 will use the playground entrance to enter and the hall exit to leave.

Children should not arrive earlier than the specified times and will go straight into school when the doors/gates are open for them. The children have benefitted from this approach over the past year as the start of the day is calmer.

Parents will no longer be required to wait in lines on the playground to collect their children. We ask that parents of year 1 and reception children continue to do so. This will make the collection easier.

The one way systems in place will not be in operation in September and parents/carers may use either the Mascalls Way or Longmore Avenue entrances. We will also no longer be opening the car park as an exit route.

Friday Afternoons

From September we will be returning to a full week timetable and will not be finishing earlier on Fridays. This means that lunch times will also return to our pre Covid timetable. Children in reception, year 1 and year 2 will receive an hour for lunch with the rest of the school having 50 minutes.

Bubbles/Pods

Individual classes will no longer be operating in bubbles. This means that we can hold assemblies once again and classes will no longer be routinely separated.

PE Lessons

From September children must wear the full school uniform to school every day. This means that they must also have a complete Meadgate Primary PE kit in school every day. During the summer we have noticed that the PE kit has become a fashion contest for some! The PE Kit is a white polo shirt with black shorts. For colder weather a black tracksuit is needed.

Outbreak Plan

Each school must have an Outbreak Plan in the likely event that pupils catch Covid in the autumn. Our plan can be viewed on the school's website. Please note that we will be in dialogue with Public Health England when this happens and classes and close contacts may be asked to self isolate but bubbles/classes closing may not be the first thing that we have to do.

Cleaning

We will maintain our extra cleaning procedures that have been in place and children will continue to wash their hands regularly.

As you can see we are returning to a more normal approach but with some precautions remaining in place. We are confident that this will continue to keep our school community safe. If you have any questions do not hesitate to ask.

Many thanks for your continued support

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Figg', written over a circular stamp or seal.

Mr Joseph Figg
Executive Headteacher