



Ashford Park Primary School

'Inspiring a love for lifelong learning'

31st December 2020

To our children, families and Ashford Park community, we hope that you all remain well during this unique festive period. Like all community members we await to hear about the timescales of the proposed vaccination programme and the testing plans that have been widely discussed through the media over recent weeks.

As of the 30th December 2020 and in line with the Nation, we heard from the BBC, that a significant number of primary schools have been directed by the government to open for the spring term as from **Monday 4th January 2021**, despite remaining in Tier 4: [Tier 4 Stay at home guidance](#). We therefore welcome our APPS children **back to school on Monday 4/01/21**, and will endeavor to do so in an 'orderly and safe manner', returning to as much 'normality' as can safely be accommodated. We continue to plan for quality first teaching and learning experiences for the children and will be forwarding the Spring term year group newsletters to you within this first week.

We ask that upon our return to school that we resume with the familiar timings for the start and end of the day and with the same year groups using the same gates as per the previous term.

School drop-off times	Main Gate Station Crescent entrance	Back Gate Queen's Walk entrance
8.30am – 8.45am	Years 5, 6 and Acorn	Years 3 and 4
8.45am – 9am	Reception	Years 1 and 2
School collection times	Main Gate Station Crescent entrance	Back Gate Queens Walk entrance
3pm	Reception	Years 1 and 2
3.15pm	Years 5, 6 and Acorn	Years 3 and 4

At the **start of the day**, we again ask for our parent / carers to say goodbye to the children at the school gates and not to enter the school grounds. Please respect social distancing guidelines.

At the **end of the day**, parents / carers are welcome on to the school site to collect their children. Please respect the safety of all and wear a face covering upon entering the school grounds, and remember to social distance, also vacating the grounds swiftly upon collecting your child/ren. At both gates upon entering and leaving, please keep to your right along the footpaths, as we anticipate that the field will no longer be suitable to walk over. We have sought support to provide a temporary footpath over the field, but our requests have not been forthcoming.

We will continue with our class and year group bubble systems and our rigorous hand washing schedules. Please be reminded that the children will need to wear appropriate clothing to school, also multi-layering, as the classroom doors and windows will remain open, to ensure adequate ventilation. Government guidance can be found here: [30-12-2020 Back to School Guidance](#)

With kind regards

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