



# Inspiring Excellence

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Dear Parents/Carers of Reception pupils,

I hope this letter finds you well and you've had an enjoyable summer break. We are really looking forward to welcoming the reception pupils back to school next week.

I write to confirm the details and arrangements for the opening of school for reception pupils on 14th September following the details that you received in July. Please read the letter carefully, as it sets out all the information you will need to know for the start of term. To reduce the risk of transmission in our school community we had to make several changes to the school systems.

## September Return To School Guidance:

To ensure we continue to keep everyone safe and support you and your child, we have devised clear systems and procedures, as a result we will be staggering the pupils back into school. This will allow staff time to induct pupils so as to comply with government expectations and the school risk assessment to further mitigate potential risk

Reception pupils will start school on **Monday 14th September**.

**Monday 14th & Tuesday 15th** from 9:00am - 12:00 -on both days pupils will have lunch at home

**Wednesday 16th, Thursday 17th & Friday 18th** is from 9:00am - 13:00pm-pupils will receive a packed lunch in class and parents/carers can collect pupils at 13:00pm

From **Monday 21st September** reception pupils will attend school full time from 9:00 am-15:00pm

Reception pupils should be dropped off and collected via the **Main Entrance-Gate 4** (gate next to the Children's Centre)

## Uniform and Equipment for School

Pupils will be expected to wear school uniforms or school colours (Navy/black shirts/shorts/trousers, white plain tops/shirts, navy cardigans, navy/black shoes or trainers), clearly labelled with your child's name.

Pupils should bring a coat for cold and wet days but **MUST NOT BRING BAGS** (only a spare set of clothes). Your child will be allowed to bring a packed lunch, if this is your preferred choice, a clearly labelled water bottle and a clearly labelled bag with a spare set of clothes to remain at school. Please do not send your child to school with any other items as this will reduce the risk of contamination/infection and will also help us to keep the classrooms tidy and





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hygienic.

On **PE** days pupils will be allowed to come to school dressed in their PE kits (Blue/Black tracksuits and white T shirts) to avoid changing.

Pupils will not be allowed to wear face coverings in the school building ( following the government guidance and to reduce contamination).

## **Arrival & Dismissal Protocol:**

- Only parents of pupils who may be distressed/dysregulated, SEND pupils (Only one parent per household will be allowed).
- No parents will be permitted into the school building unless they have an appointment. To communicate with the school please call **0207 476 1284** or send an email to [info@keirhardie.newham.sch.uk](mailto:info@keirhardie.newham.sch.uk)
- Make sure you have given the school any changes to your contact details. We must have up-to-date telephone numbers to ensure we effectively safeguard your child.

## **Classroom Arrangements**

Pupils will be taught in year group bubbles. We will keep these groups of pupils and adults together wherever feasible. Where this cannot take place due to the layout of the building, the needs of the pupils and the demands of the curriculum, we will make every attempt to minimise mixing of groups. We will achieve this by keeping the pupils and adults within their year groups, which is permissible as outlined in our risk assessment.

The pupils will be provided with a packed lunch, which will be delivered to each classroom. We hope to provide hot lunches as soon as the safety regulations are signed off by our external lunch provider.

## **Curriculum**

Our teachers have been busy planning for the pupil's return to school. We are mindful that our pupils have been away from school for a long time and might be anxious about returning. Our Play Based/ Recovery curriculum has a strong focus on the pupil's social and emotional wellbeing, giving children opportunities to express what they have experienced over lock down, on rebuilding attachments within the school community and on re-establishing positive learning behaviours. These are areas of strength for our schools and we are confident that we have the knowledge, skills and resources to achieve this over time.

## **Attendance**

Attendance is compulsory from September. Your child is expected to come to school daily, unless they are unwell. If your child or anyone in your household develops any of the three main symptoms of COVID-19 (high fever, persistent cough, loss of taste and/or smell), **PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD IN TO SCHOOL** and let us know as soon as possible.





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We will ask that the person with symptoms has a test and that you confirm a negative result before we can allow your child to come back.

## Vaccinations

Please see attached letter from the NHS regarding vaccinations.

## Please continue to remind your child of ways to keep safe:

- Remind children to wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds using the following technique [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/866065/Handwashing\\_techniques.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/866065/Handwashing_techniques.pdf)
- Video <https://youtu.be/bQCP7waTRWU>
- Catch it. Bin it. Kill it.' To help reduce flu infections

## As a school we will continue to:

- Continue to have increased cleaning hours during the day to maintain disinfection in between use of areas, toilets, staffroom, door handles, and complete the toilet log.
- Ensure the school is well stocked with resources - lidded bins, paper towel dispensers for all children/staff toilets
- All bubbles to have soap, sprays, antibacterial wipes and disposable paper towels
- All classrooms to have soap and water, a hand sanitizing station

We know that school will be a little different for our pupils and families in the coming weeks and months, please be assured we will keep any disruptions to a minimum and we will communicate any changes. The safety of our school community remains our priority.

Please contact the school if you have any questions.

Yours Sincerely,

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