

Peases West Primary School

Wider Opening Information – Monday 8th March 2021

Dear parents/carers,

We hope you are all well and keeping safe. Thank you all for your support, patience and understanding throughout this continuing challenging time. We have been so impressed with how well your children and you are managing the COVID-19 situation and your commitment to working in partnership with us.

Our plans for wider opening on **Monday 8th March** are outlined below. **Please note, 2 year old and Nursery provision will reopen on Wednesday 10th March.** These plans are based on current guidelines and should they change, we will inform you as soon as possible.

Although many children have accessed remote learning, we understand that this may not have been appropriate for all and that many children have been out of routine and structure. We know that children will need support and time to settle back into a routine, to trust that they are safe and know that they can trust the staff to ensure they remain that way.

School organisation:

Staff and pupils will continue to remain in a designated 'bubble' throughout the week and use their designated outside space as regularly as possible to support learning.

Year Group	Class	Staff
Nursery (inc 2 year old) Reception	Nursery Class 1	Miss Hall Mrs Hird Mrs Patterson Miss Parker
Year 1 Year 2	Class 2	Mrs Morton Mrs Storey Mrs Davis Mrs Knotts
Year 3 Year 4	Class 3	Mr Atkinson Mrs Britton Miss Mould Mrs Croft
Year 5 Year 6	Class 4	Mrs Scott Miss Patterson

Nursery lunchtime provision will continue from 11:45am – 12:15pm at a cost of £1.50 a day for supervision. This will need to be pre booked. Please contact school for details.

Start of the day:

We ask that children and parents enter school either through the main gate to the front of the building or the rear gate (by Stanley Way area) where there will be a member of staff present. The table below outlines your child/ren's entrance point. If necessary, older children can enter school with their younger siblings through the main gate.

- We ask that parents/carers adhere to social distancing guidelines, do not congregate around the school gates or away from the school site and that only one adult drops off/picks up to ease congestion.
- Face coverings should be worn unless this is not possible on medical grounds.
- Parents are not permitted on the school grounds other than the inner main gate area to the front of the building, next to the car park, which is used as a 'drop off' point for children. Parents must not drive along the school lane or school drive unless this has been pre-arranged/agreed with school staff. Anyone requiring adapted access should contact Mrs Cowper to determine arrangements for entry to school.
- Should your child present unexpected behaviour on entry to school, we ask you to bring them to the hall doors.
- Should parents have information to hand in to school, please inform the office and leave them in the green post box situated at the main entrance gate.
- Pupils who use face coverings must remove them when they arrive in the school building. Pupils are not to touch the front of their face covering during use or when removing them. Children must dispose of temporary face coverings in a lidded bin or place a reusable face covering in a plastic bag that is to be placed in their school bag so that they can re wear it to travel home.

Please note: Gates will be opened at 8:45am and closed and locked at 8:55am. If you arrive at school late, we ask that you come to the hall doors situated at the end of the school drive and ring the bell for access.

	Entry/dismissal	Time
Class 4 (years 5 and 6)	Rear gate (Stanley Way)	8:50am – 3:10pm
Class 3 (years 3 and 4)	Rear gate (Stanley Way)	8:50am – 3:10pm
EYFS (2 year olds)	Main gate	9:30am – 11:45am
EYFS (Nursery)	Main gate	8:45am – 11:45am 12:10pm – 3:10pm
EYFS (Reception)	Main gate	8:50am – 3:10pm
Class 2 (years 1 and 2)	Main gate	8:50am – 3:10pm



End of day:

Children will be dismissed from their bubble at the end of the school day and collected from the same gate, the same way they entered school. Parents should wait for their child to come to them and adhere to social distancing guidelines, not congregating around the gate or away from the school site.

Nursery, Reception and Class 2 (years 1 and 2):

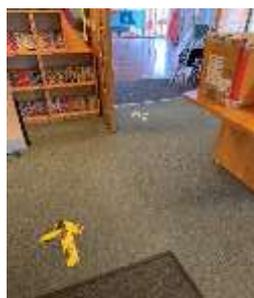
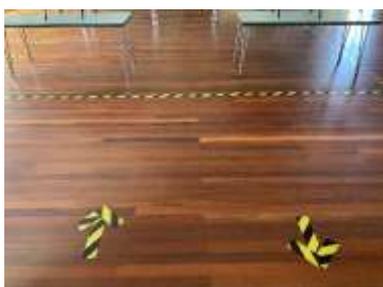
Children will be dismissed from their classroom bubble doors. A member of staff will be present at the gate to communicate with class teachers that you are there to collect your child/ren.

Classes 3 and 4 (years 3, 4, 5 and 6):

Children will be dismissed from their classroom doors. A member of staff will be present at the rear gate to communicate with class teachers should a parent be collecting children. Once all children who are being collected have left, those who walk home alone will be dismissed.

Movement around school:

A one-way system will operate in non-bubble areas with staff and pupils encouraged to keep to the left. This is marked out. Pupils will remain in their bubbles throughout the school day.



Break and Lunchtime

Children will access breaktimes and have lunch in their class bubbles.

Out of school hours provision

There will be no out of hours provision, including breakfast club, in Spring term. We hope to reintroduce breakfast club provision in Summer term.

Resources/rooms

Equipment/resource packs will be made available for individual children. There will be designated learning areas/desks/tasks within bubbles.

Visitors

Authorised visitors only on site. Visitors and deliveries will be via the school drive and hall doors.

If your child is unwell

Please do not send your child to school if they are unwell or are displaying any COVID-19 symptoms. If you or your child present with COVID-19 symptoms, please arrange a test and follow the stay at home guidance: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance> Pupils and Staff displaying symptoms of COVID-19 will **not be** permitted into school until the 10 day isolation is completed. Where staff/pupils test positive, Public Health England will be contacted for advice and support.

Should your child display symptoms of COVID 19 or become ill in school, a member of staff will support them to a designated area wearing the necessary PPE equipment. The Headteacher will be informed and will contact parents/emergency contacts to ask that you collect your child from the hall doors. An adult will remain with your child, socially distant, until they leave the site.

Safeguarding, Behaviour and wellbeing

Safeguarding procedures will continue as usual. School staff will remain in contact with any children and families who are self-isolating.

Remote Learning

Class teachers will continue to plan and deliver teaching and learning activities to children in school. Remote learning will continue to be uploaded to Google Classroom in the event your child has to self-isolate or their bubble closes.

Health and Safety/Hygiene

School staff participate in the twice weekly lateral flow testing programme.

All Health & Safety checks continue to be carried out.

All children will need to adhere to hand washing and social distancing measures to ensure pupil and staff safety. Sanitising stations are available in bubbles and throughout school.

Uniform

We expect all children to return to school wearing school uniform. We ask that children come to school in PE clothes and footwear on their PE days. We also ask that children bring a warm jumper/cardigan/hoodie to school each day as windows/doors remain open for ventilation.

PE Days	
Monday	Nursery; Class 1; Class 4
Tuesday	Class 3
Wednesday	Class 4
Thursday	Nursery; Class 1; Class 2
Friday	Class 2; Class 3

Our school uniform policy and information relating to school uniform orders is available on our school website:

http://www.peaseswest.durham.sch.uk/parents/our-school-uniform/?fbclid=IwAR2kNPX_83TTINRbzzmgKW9VTrKYJ0amPv6Qyu_z7FSzCl6O5-DUAmUGsHk

Events/visits

We are taking a cautious approach to our usual school events, celebrations, visits and visitors, and at the current time, have no plans for such events during Spring and Summer terms. We continue to enhance the curriculum and engage with parents and visitors in a 'virtual' way.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation and understanding in making this as smooth as possible. Should you have any questions, please contact me here in school.

We look forward to seeing you all again in person next week.

Many thanks,

Alison Johnson

Headteacher

Lynn George

Chair of Governors