



Ash Grove Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are really looking forward to fully reopening the school to all pupils from **Monday 8th March**. You have all done an amazing job keeping your children learning through this lockdown, but I think we all agree that children need to see other children, and to be with their classmates again. We also know that as good as remote learning has been, it is not the same as being in class with their teacher.

On the return to school, things will operate much as they did before the lockdown. Staggered starts and finishes will remain but we have Tried to reduce the wait times between these to help parents with more than one child. Please vacate the site as soon as you have dropped of or picked up your child/children. Please avoid arriving early and please socially distance using the markers available.

	Opening Times	Finish Time
Nursery	8:45 – 8:55 morning nursery 12:15 afternoon nursery	11:45am 3:05 – 3:15pm
Reception	8:55 – 9:05	2:55 – 3:05pm
Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and Year 2)	8:40-8:45	3pm
Lower Key Stage 2 (Year 3 and Year 4)	8:50-8:55	3:10pm
Upper Key Stage 2 (Year 5 and Year6)	9:00-9:05	3:20pm

Only one parent should drop off and pick up. The gates and doors used for drop off and pick up are **the same** gates and doors as pre-Christmas.

We would like to remind you that **masks must be worn by adults** on school site and we ask that adults do not approach staff for conversations at the door. Please use the email or telephone to speak with staff members if you need to. This is to protect our bubbles and help us to keep any infections out of school. This will minimise bubble closures and future disruptions for all families. An updated version of the Risk Assessment for the school is on the website. Please take a look at this to see the measures we are taking in school to keep everyone as safe as we can. It can be found here www.ashgroveprimaryacademy.co.uk – Menu - News & Events – Latest News.



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To support parents with any questions that they have, we have produced some mini guides to education during Covid.

These are also on our website and can be found here:

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The guides cover:

School Organisation

PE and Sport

Lunches and Drinks

Educational Visits

Accessing the School Site

Home School Reading

Bags Coats and Equipment

What happens in case of an infection

In these guides you will find all the information you need. For example, to answer the question 'When does my child need to wear PE kit?' check the PE and Sport guide.

We will not be reopening the breakfast club provision before the Easter break. Before Christmas, we ran a breakfast club provision in school. Unfortunately, the numbers of pupils attending this were very low and therefore it was not viable to maintain it. We will be conducting a survey of parents to look at uptake of places moving forward. If the breakfast club can be run in a safe and viable way, we will then offer it after the Easter break. We will let parents know as soon as we can about this.

When children arrive on **Monday**, they will go straight into class as normal. They will wash their hands as they enter. Teachers will be there to support them on arrival. We will spend time in the first week helping the children to settle back into school and to enjoy being with their friends again. We know that if the children feel settled, they will thrive and begin to learn and make good progress.

Over the coming weeks, we will be contacting you all about our programme of extra support we are operating in school. This has already started with some pupils having tuition sessions before, during and after school. When you are contacted about this, it is really important that you support your child to take part and make the most of this extra help.

Please take the time to read the Risk Assessment and to read our guides too. If after that you have any questions about the return of pupils, please do not hesitate to ask.

Yours sincerely



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