

Palmers Cross Primary School

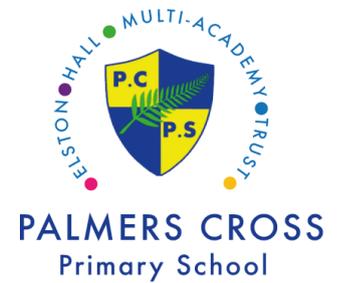
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25th August 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

It seems really quite unusual for me to write my first official letter to families during the summer break, but with just a week to go until school officially re-opens, I thought it might be useful to re-iterate the plans for our September return.

I am delighted that as I write, the improving Coronavirus situation means that the Government decision for pupils to return to school in September remains in place; it is now vital and statutory for all children to return to school to minimise the longer term impact of the pandemic on our children's education, well-being and wider development – we are delighted this is the case and cannot wait to welcome you all back.

Our plans remain exactly as advertised in the newsletter in July: all children in Years 1-6 will return to school on Wednesday 2nd September. Children in Nursery and Reception have already had individual communication from school and will undertake a more staggered start to support their return/introduction to school. Children returning to/starting Nursery will receive an additional phone call next week to discuss home visit plans.

As previously advertised, the drop off and collection times for Year groups is different to usual and detailed overleaf. It is vitaly important that families abide by these timings, to reduce the number of families gathering on school premises. We would also ask that when bringing children to school, families to not gather at the front gate. At all times, please remain 2m apart from other families and strictly abide by the one way system around the site. Families with siblings should bring children at the earliest time but collect at individual times.



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<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Drop off time</u>	<u>Pick up time (from usual playground)</u>
Nursery	9.00am (normal door)	3.15pm
Reception	8.30am (normal door)	2.45pm
Year 1	8.45am (KS1 door)	3.00pm
Year 2	9.00am (KS1 door)	3.15pm
Year 3	8.30am (KS2 door)	2.45pm
Year 4	9.00am (KS2 door)	3.15pm
Year 5	8.45am (KS2 door)	3.00pm
Year 6	8.30am (KS2 door)	2.45pm

At school we have been busily preparing for your child's return to school and are confident our measures will keep your child as safe as possible— in order to minimise any spread of the virus, wherever possible, children will remain in their class bubble whilst in school. Break and lunchtimes will be staggered to ensure 'bubbles' do not mix outside. As has been the case since the pandemic began, additional hygiene measures will also be in place throughout the day.

If your child receives Free School Meals, and you have been receiving Free School Meal vouchers during lockdown, the vouchers will now cease and your child will again be eligible to receive a Free lunch at school. All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will continue to be eligible for a Free lunch under the Universal Free School meals scheme. For the foreseeable future, all lunches provided through school will be a cold option. The menu is available online at <http://palmerscross.org.uk/documents/menu/menu.pdf>

Breakfast and After School Club: as previously advertised, these facilities will not be open at the beginning of term for at least two weeks. We will communicate to you early in the new term regarding the decision to re-open these facilities.

As a final reminder, we are limiting the number of items that transition between school and home therefore please ensure your child only brings essential items with them. They



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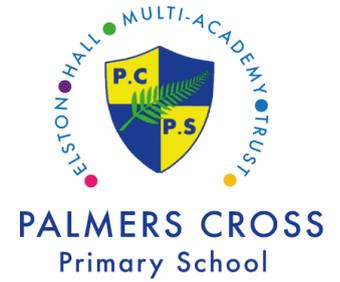
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are permitted to bring a bag and essential items contained in it should include: a named water bottle, lunchbox (if having packed lunches), reading book/diary and PE kit (also sunhat/suncream if it is a particularly hot day). Reading books are permitted to go between home and school but will be kept in isolation for a short period before being sent home to another family. Please return any reading books that you have at home to school on Wednesday 2nd Sept and a reminder to ensure we have correct in-date medication in school if your child requires it (inhalers etc). Children should not bring their own stationery to school.

Many thanks for your support over this time, we trust you have had an enjoyable Summer break and cannot wait to welcome you all back on Wednesday 2nd September.

Kind regards,

Mrs Rebecca Wood
Head of School

