



Friezland Primary School

'A Family Committed to Making a Difference'

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Re-opening for ALL pupils: 08.03.21

Dear Families,

As promised, I am writing to update you with our return to school plans for **Monday 8th March**. The staff, Governing Board and I are extremely grateful for the ways in which families have worked with us through the latest lockdown. Home schooling and remote learning is something the vast majority of us would avoid and we feel very proud of the commitment and dedication our families have shown in ensuring our children have had access to their learning albeit in a virtual world.

Whilst the return is a welcome one, it will not be without its challenges. As before, the school has had to complete a lengthy risk assessment, detailing policy and procedures from March, which will be regularly monitored and updated. You will see that much of the information below, is the same as that for our September return. However, we have made some adjustments in order to support the smooth running of the school day.

Attendance and Illness

From Monday 8th March, compulsory school attendance resumes and all pupil absences must be accounted for. Please follow our usual procedures and ensure school is notified prior to 9:00am if your child will be absent due to illness. As before, staff will request the reason for the absence as this must legally be recorded. If your child becomes unwell whilst at school (regardless of symptoms), they will need to be isolated with a member of staff until they can be collected. Staff supporting a child whether unwell or following an accident, must wear PPE. We know you know your child best and will make the right decisions regarding whether or not they should be attending school when they seem unwell.

Uniform and Essential Items

Full School uniform will also be required along with PE kits, which should be left in school. As before, we are requesting that only essential items are brought to school, and where possible, items should remain in school rather than being brought to / from each day. Please ensure any inhalers are returned to school. Primary school pupils are not required to wear a face mask.

Bubbles

As a small school, with a high proportion of siblings, we intend to make our school bubbles as simple as possible. The children will predominantly work as a class bubble and any changes to the usual school day will be focused around maintaining bubbles. Staff will move between bubbles where required but this will be minimised. Hand washing facilities are available within each classroom and some of our outdoor areas. However, children will cross paths when using the toilets as we only have one set of each male/female. The use of the toilets will be monitored and staggered along with additional cleaning taking place at key times across the day. Staff are now wearing a face mask / shield when social distancing is difficult.





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Start / End of Day Timings

In order to reduce adult to adult contact, a limited number of staff will be present on the playground. **Initially, we will be asking the children to NOT line up at the start of the day.** We have found that this can prevent social distancing between adults. Instead, we request that family bubbles socially distance around the school grounds and encourage their child to go to their entrance, as a member of staff calls them over.

The following summarised the start / end times and entry/exit doors:

Class / Year group	Arrival point & time	Departure point & time
1 (YR)	8:45am Shelter	3:15pm Shelter
2 (Y1-2)	8:45am Shelter	3:15pm Playground door
3 (Y3-4)	8:45am Playground door	3:20pm Playground door
4 (Y5-6)	8:45am Main Entrance door	3:20pm Main Entrance door

School gates will be closed promptly after children have been admitted / dismissed and therefore, you will need to use the main entrance if you or your child is arriving late. **Please aim to arrive on time as a delay will make our start of the day routines difficult for your child.** We must discourage the children from playing on the premises before / after school- we request your support with this and ask that you encourage your child to wait with you rather than run around. **The restriction of ONE adult per family within the school grounds remains.** Please insist any additional family members wait beyond the school grounds.

Communication with School

Unfortunately, parents/carers won't be allowed into the school building. Please communicate with us via telephone or e-mail (info@friezland.oldham.sch.uk). Staff will get back to you as soon as possible.

Hand washing and Hygiene

As before, additional hand washing and hygiene routines will be carried out across the day. Children will wash their hands on arrival, prior to departure and at other key points including break / lunch times. More frequent cleaning of high frequency touch points has already been introduced.

Snacks and Lunchtimes

Healthy snacks (no whole nuts) for break times can be brought into school and will be kept in your child's tray / locker until required. For the foreseeable future, children will take their lunch with their bubble with Classes 2, 3 and 4 eating





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in their classrooms and Class 1 in the hall. We intend to offer hot school lunches from the start as we know this is what our children (and staff) prefer. As a small school, we believe we can manage this safely and successfully. We are grateful for your support of the school meal service.

Frosties (B&A Club)

Our Before and After School Club, Frosties, will resume on Monday 8th March with Breakfast Club opening at 7:30am and the after-school club closing at 5:45pm. In order for this service to be viable, we cannot avoid mixing bubbles entirely within shared spaces. However, when indoors, children will be spaced out and will be required to play at designated areas / tables with children in their own class bubble or with their sibling(s). We know many families' work commitments have changed due to COVID 19, but in order for this service to survive, we are asking for your full support which includes the completion of booking forms and **advance payments only. Please credit your account accordingly prior to using the service.** Unfortunately, families with existing debts will not be able to use Frosties until debts are cleared.

Extra-Curricular Clubs and Music Tuition

It is our intention to offer as many extra-curricular activities as possible as we aim to ensure our children have access to a broad and balanced school experience. These will be phased in over the next few weeks, as we plan the best ways for them to happen. We will contact families accordingly.

Testing positive for COVID 19

Please continue to communicate with school if a pupil / household member develops symptoms, is awaiting a test result or indeed positive for COVID 19 so that we can take the appropriate actions. In the event of a bubble closure, remote learning would resume for all those required to isolate.

Whilst schools are reopening to all, there are still many restrictions in place. Once more, the success of the March return rests as much on what happens outside the school gates as within and we must all work together to ensure we support a safe return.

We can't wait to all be back together, once more, as a Friezland Family.

Kind regards,

Miss Rachael Swaby (Headteacher).

