

Email to Parents: 28/08/2020

Dear Kilmore Families,

I wanted to write to you today in order to welcome you to the year ahead and to remind you of some of the arrangements that were sent out at the end of last term.

I hope you have all had a wonderful summer. Kilmore staff have been popping in over the holidays to make sure the school is ready for the children and is looking great. We have of course also made any adjustments to the school that we needed to, ensuring it is compliant with the guidance from the government.

I have attached the guidance and Frequently Asked Questions again please make sure you read through these as there is a lot of information on it. There has only been one amendment since it was last sent out and that is the addition that **we are now requesting all adults who are entering the school gates wear a mask**. This decision has been made in order to minimise risk of transmission between adults. We also politely remind you to adhere to social distancing rules both outside and inside the school gates.

Please remember that from September school attendance is statutory and the usual rules on school attendance will apply. The careful planning in place is all based on the government guidance, the local authority's risk assessment and planning tool. Staff have also been consulted during the decision making stage. A key focus of our INSET days will be staff training on the changes and implications of these.

Please let me remind you that we are staggering the start of term over 2 days to ensure the new arrangements go smoothly. **Years 1, 4 and 6** will start on **Friday 4th September** and **years 2, 3 and 5** will start on **Monday 7th September**. To ensure everyone's safety and to follow government guidance we will also be staggering the times that year groups arrive and leave each day so that there are fewer people congregating in the playground or outside the school.

Please see the table below for dates, times and which entrance to use:

Year Group	Start Date	Start Time	Finish Time	Entrance	Lining up location
Nursery	Friday 11 th September onwards	8.45	3.30	Back Gate	NA Classroom Door
Reception	Monday 14 th September onwards	9.00	3.25	Back Gate	NA Classroom Door
1	Friday 4 th September	9.00	3.30	Front Gate	Concrete Playground
2	Monday 7 th September	9.00	3.30	Front Gate	Grass Area
3	Monday 7 th September	8.45	3.15	Front Gate	Concrete Playground
4	Friday 4 th September	8.45	3.15	Front Gate	Grass Area
5	Monday 7 th September	8.30	3.00	Front Gate	Concrete Playground

6	Friday 4 th September	8.30	3.00	Back Gate	Grass Area
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Please note:

- If collecting siblings, they will need to be collected at the correct time, if there is a time difference there will be an allocated area in the playground where you can wait. We understand that this will be inconvenient for some families but it is necessary to stagger timings.
- To minimise the number of adults on site, please ensure only one adult comes to drop off or collect and that you leave the site as soon as you can.
- Older children can come through the gate independently to their line however, we understand that younger children will want their adult to take them to the line.
- It is essential that children are dropped-off and picked-up on time in order for the re-opening of the whole school to be successful.
- Please see [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): safer travel guidance for passengers](#) in regard to travelling to school. Guidance encourages walking rather than using public transport where possible.

If there are any further questions please email the senior leadership team via info@kilmorie.lewisham.sch.uk .

I want to continue to reassure you that we are doing everything we can to make the children's return to school as positive as possible and to be as settling as possible. After the extended time away we are keen to get going with the new year and back to as normal as we can make it. I look forward to welcoming you back for my first term as Headteacher!

Best wishes, stay safe

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