

# Ferryhill Station Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

First of all can I express my sincerest thanks to you for your support that you have provided since our return to school on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September. We understand that things are very different and a lot has changed, but I would like you to know that the children have settled in exceptionally well and are finding their feet with our new routines and health & safety procedures. We are undertaking regular deep cleans as well as extra cleaning throughout the days. If anybody has any queries or concerns, please call the school office and we will do our very best to help you.

Mrs. Sones (Temporary Head Teacher)

## School Times

May we remind you that the school days begin and end at staggered times, and your child should not be arriving at school before their start time. All of our measures in place at the moment are to help maintain the integrity of the class bubbles and therefore reduce the likelihood of any potential spread of COVID-19.

Nursery: 8.30am until 11.30am via Early Years gate

Class 1: 8.40am until 3.10pm (Reception & Y1) via Early Years gate

Class 2: 8.50am until 3.20pm (Y2) via Main Entrance

Class 3: 8.40am until 3.10pm (Y3 & Y4) via Middle door near SureStart

Class 4: 8.50am until 3.20pm (Y5 & Y6) via Middle door near SureStart

All of this applies every day except Thursdays when the school will close to pupils at 1.00pm each week. Classes 1 & 3 will leave at 12.50pm, classes 2 & 4 will leave at 1.00pm.

## ParentPay

The ParentPay system for Ferryhill Station Primary School will be going live on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2020. All current balances will be uploaded and payment for dinner money will no longer be taken by cash at the school office. Login details for each child will be sent home with them on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September in a sealed envelope and details for how you access your account will be on that letter. If you have any problems, please contact the school office.

## In-School Dates to Remember

### MacMillan Coffee Morning

#### Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September

**Pupils only. Biscuit & juice in class. Suggested donation £1 per child**

### Children in Need

#### Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2020

**Children to come in non-uniform or fancy dress. Suggested donation £1 per child**

## Term Dates

October Half-Term begins

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2020

School re-opens

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020

Christmas Holidays 2020

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Spring Half-term

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2021

## Attendance

You will already be aware that attendance at school is once again compulsory and we do expect your children to be at school every day. If your child is unwell, you must call the school office to leave a voicemail explaining why your child will not be attending and their expected return date.

As well as this, we need to remind you that if your child shows any one or a combination of the current COVID-19 symptoms, you must keep your child off school and arrange for a COVID-19 test to be carried out. You will need to inform the school office of this, and then keep us up to date on the outcome of the test so that we can take the necessary action. The current symptoms are a new and persistent cough, a high temperature (over 30 degrees), a loss of smell or a loss of taste. Stuffy noses, sneezing, headaches etc. are not symptoms of COVID-19 and therefore, if your child is well enough, can still be sent to school.

At school, we will also take action if a child starts to present with any of the above symptoms. This includes isolating your child from the rest of their bubble, contacting parents to arrange collection of the child and advising of next steps.

## Flu Vaccination

Nurses will be visiting the school on the afternoon of 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020 to administer flu vaccinations to all children from Reception to Year 6. This is a simple nasal spray and is quick to administer. Flu vaccination consent forms have already been sent home with all children, and these need to be returned as soon as possible if you wish your child to have their flu vaccination this year. If you do not return your form to us, we will consider this as not being given consent and your child will not receive a vaccination this year. Please contact the school office if you need any assistance.