

Wednesday 13th July 2021

Re: September

Dear parents/carers,

As you may be aware, updated COVID guidance was issued to schools last week regarding the expectations for schools in September. It is possible that this new guidance could change if cases continue to rise across the summer and, as always, we will communicate this with you quickly. What follows in this letter is what we currently know about beginning the new academic year in September. We hope you will find this useful and that it answers any questions you may have.

The new, updated guidance outlines the following changes for the Autumn term:

- It is no longer necessary to keep children in consistent bubbles in school.
- Children from different bubbles are able to mix at break and lunchtimes.
- Children under the age of 18 will no longer be required to self-isolate if they are identified as a close contact of a positive case/contacted by NHS Test and Trace.
- Good hand hygiene, respiratory hygiene, appropriate cleaning regimes, ventilated spaces and the following of all Public Health England advice remain the same.
- A covid risk assessment, with clear control measures, continues to be a requirement of school.

Arrival and Departure times

Staggered entrance and exit times will cease from September. This means that **registration starts at 8.45 and ends at 8.55**. All pupils need to be in school before the close of register at 8.55.

We will open the school gates early (as we did before COVID). However, there will be no member of staff on the gates until 8.45. You will need to wait with your child in the playground until the internal doors open at 8.45. Please **DO NOT** leave children on their own in the playground.

There will be large A4 signs which will indicate the entrance doors for all pupils. There will also be lots of staff on the playground across the first week to direct you to the correct entrance and exit when bringing your child into school and collecting them.

All pupils from Reception to Y6 will finish school at 3:30. The gate will not be opened until 3:25. This means that we can safely get our pupils into their exit positions before parents enter the playground. **In order to reduce crowding at the gate, please do not arrive at school before 3:30.**

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এই চিঠিখানা পড়তে যদি কারো সাহায্য চান তবে দয়া করে চিঠিখানা নিয়ে বিদ্যালয়ের অফিসে আসুন

Daca nu intelegeti continutul acestei scrisori, va rugam sa va adresati biroului receptie pentru a primi asistenta necesara



Entrance and Exit points:

YG	Entrance	Exit
Nursery	Nursery door	Nursery door
Reception	Rec classroom door	Rec classroom door
Year 1	KS1 door – bottom of playground	Nursery playground
Year 2	KS1 door – bottom of playground	2A- Ball Park 2B – Shelter 2E – KS1 door
Year 3	Middle door at top of playground	Top of playground – parents to stand behind the white lines
Year 4	Right hand door at top of playground/ 4Z – classroom door at top of steps	Top of playground – parents to stand behind the white lines
Year 5	Right hand door at top of playground	Top of playground – parents to stand behind the white lines
Year 6	Middle door at top of playground	Top of playground – parents to stand behind the white lines

Can I please also ask that you are respectful when parking in the local area. It is illegal to stop in a school zone or on double yellow lines. This is for the safety of our pupils and their families. Cars that stop in this area will be reported to the police.

School Uniform:

There are no changes to our school uniform for September.

The compulsory uniform is:

- Purple sweatshirt/cardigan
- White polo shirt
- Grey or black trousers/skirt/pinafore
- Grey tights/socks
- Black school shoes (no trainers)

PE:

Pupils should continue to come to school in their PE kits on their designated PE days. These dates will be shared by new class teachers in September. Pupils remain in their PE kits all day and do not need to bring uniform to change into.

For PE, the compulsory uniform is:

- White t-shirt or polo shirt
- Black shorts
- Black PE pumps/trainers for outdoors
- Plain black tracksuits can also be worn due to children wearing their PE kits all day.

Orders for uniform should be placed via: <https://www.schoolwearsolutions.com/>

Lunches:

Our kitchen team provide delicious, nutritious hot meals every day. These are automatically free to any child in Reception, Y1 or Y2 as part of the universal free school meals initiative from the government. Other children may also be eligible for a free school meal, as part of the pupil premium free school meals offer. If you think this applies to you, please contact our school office via enquiry@princealbert.bham.sch.uk for more information. Hot dinners can be purchased from school; please contact the office for payment for school dinners. Packed lunches are also permitted for all pupils who do not wish to have a hot school dinner.

Water bottles:

Pupils should bring a named water bottle to school every day – they have access to refill their water bottles across the school day in all year groups. Their bottles should contain water, not juice/squash.

Allergies:

We strive to provide a safe learning environment for all students. Due to some of our pupils suffering from nut allergies, we are a nut-free school. An allergic reaction (anaphylactic shock) can occur through ingestion of nut products, cross contamination and breathing nut dust in the air.

Since this condition can be life threatening, all members of the school community are asked to help in minimising the risk to these children by:

- Avoiding giving children nuts or nut products in their packed lunches
- Avoiding giving nuts or nut products or snacks/bars containing nuts for break time snacks
- Avoiding the bringing in of food items containing nuts for celebrations or events

Term dates:

- **Thursday 2nd & Friday 3rd September** – Teacher training days, school closed to ALL pupils.
- **Monday 6th September** – School begins for all pupils from Reception-Y6.
- **Friday 22nd October** – Last day of Autumn term 1, pupils break up for half term.

- **Monday 1st November** – All pupils return to school after October half term.

In the event of any updated guidance, we will text parents to alert you and ensure all letters are uploaded onto the school website

We wish you all a magnificent summer! Stay safe, take good care and we look forward to welcoming you back in the new academic year. On behalf of the whole team at Prince Albert Primary, thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Miss Davies', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Miss Davies
Head of School