

# Flixton Primary School

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Headteacher: Mr J Redmond

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September

Dear Parents,

Today is the last day of our 'mini term', and I am delighted to say that it has been a great success. Children have returned to school confidently and with enthusiasm, and it has been wonderful to see. Now school will be closed on Monday and Tuesday next week as we prepare to start the academic year in new year groups.

The shape of the school day for each year group is:

	Infant Department							Junior Department							
	N	RC	RO	1B	1Y	2JW	2H	3L	3B	4W	4J	5B	5FK	6F	6S
<b>Start/Finish</b>	8.40 – 11.40 12.20 – 3.20	8.45 – 3.05		8.55 – 3.15		9.05 – 3.25		8.50 – 3.20		9.00 – 3.30		8.50 – 3.20		9.00 – 3.30	
<b>Entrances</b>	Nursery	Front middle doors (younger)	Back class doors	Back class doors	Front middle doors (older)	Back class doors	Front middle doors (older)	Lower end cloakroom door (through the staff car park via Delamere Road)	Lower end cloakroom door (through the staff car park via Delamere Road)	Upper end cloakroom door (via the ginnel)	Upper end cloakroom door (via the ginnel)				
<b>Exits</b>	Nursery		Front ramp doors (younger)	Front middle doors (younger)	Older end side door	Older end side door									

Year groups will use specific entrances into school, which will be signposted. Please follow the signs to find your way. Being early will not be helpful, as it may disrupt another bubble, so please, as I have said many times before, arrive on time.

I have had several parents contact me this week to express their concerns around large groups of parents outside the gates of both Departments, and in the ginnel. I am well aware that space is at a premium and we are a large school, but please try to maintain social distance whilst you wait – or, even better, arrive on time to minimise any time spent around the school.

Large groups of parents waiting are not helpful in our attempts to keep our community as safe as possible. If there is a confirmed case of Covid-19 within the school community, such mixing makes it much more likely that more bubbles would have to be sent home. Please help us to avoid that scenario by keeping your distance. I would ask that parents of older children might arrange to meet their children at the top of Delamere Road, or away from the school site, which may help to limit the numbers around the buildings at the end of the day.

I wrote to you earlier this week with information about what to do if you or child becomes symptomatic. You can find the letter on the website in the Information for Parents – Letters tab.

Children must wear black school shoes, not trainers, boots or sandals. Year 3 children will need to wear their new shirts and ties from Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>, as it is now their school uniform.

Children in the Years 3 and 4 will need a pencil case that will stay in school. The basic stationery required will be a pencil, rubber, pencil sharpener, a small ruler and some colouring pencils. We will provide stationery if required, but children will be responsible for looking after their equipment (hence the pencil case!), as they will not be allowed to borrow or share it. We will provide fountain pens and ink for children in Year 4 and above. Teachers will let children know when they need to bring PE kits in, so for now, if you haven't been told already, please keep the kits at home until they are needed.

Year 3 parents who wish for their child to have a school dinner need to ensure they have signed up for a SchoolGrid account, and that they use the online ordering system to select lunches. Again, information can be found on the school website in the Information for Parents – School Meals tab.

On a wider note, please bear in mind that Trafford is under local lockdown restrictions. This means that some of the activities our children have happily told us about over the last week should not have happened. The guidance from Government is clear about what we are allowed to do, and not do. Here is a brief extract:

If you live in one of the affected areas, in order to help prevent the spread of coronavirus you must not:

- host people you do not live with in your home or garden, unless they're in your support bubble
- meet people you do not live with in their home or garden, whether inside or outside of the affected areas unless they're in your support bubble

Your household is only the people you live with and any support bubble.

A support bubble is where a household with one adult joins with another household. Households within a bubble can still visit each other, stay overnight, and visit public places together.

### **Can I meet people outdoors?**

You should only socialise in outside public places (like parks) in groups of up to 6 people from multiple households. Gatherings larger than 6 should only take place if everyone is exclusively from 2 households or support bubbles and must not exceed 30 people. You should always socially distance from people outside of your household.

Taken from:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/north-west-of-england-local-restrictions-what-you-can-and-cannot-do>

I would ask that you act in accordance with the restrictions we are under. The restrictions are in place to reduce the spread of Covid-19 in our community, and will be effective if people follow them. It is also worth pointing out that my staff are working very hard to keep your children as safe as possible during the school day. Their efforts may be wasted if, outside of school, the same level of care and attention to minimising social contact is missing. The last thing I wish to do, after all of the time lost last term, is start to send children home again because of an outbreak originating at home that could have been avoided.

I hope your child has enjoyed the first two weeks back in school, and has settled back into the learning routine. I look forward to seeing them all in their new year groups on Wednesday.

With best wishes,



Mr Redmond  
Headteacher

