

PTCJ Ready for School

September 2021

Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome back to school, we hope that you had a brilliant summer break. We look forward to welcoming your children back for what promises to be an exciting Autumn Term. School is the best place for your child to be. With the easing of COVID-19 restrictions, children are now able to enjoy more freedom in their education. Being at school keeps children's education on track, so they can achieve their full potential, while also benefitting their mental and physical health and wellbeing. We are doing everything we can to ensure your child can continue to attend school. This newsletter shares important information that you and your child needs to be Ready for school.

Mr Sharp

School Timings From September

Although we do not yet have confirmation regarding the measures we will need to have in place we have decided that we will change the start and end times so that 2 year groups will arrive and leave at the same time.

Year 3 and 4 will arrive at **8.50am*** and finish school at **3.10pm**

Year 5 and 6 will arrive at **9.00am** and finish school at **3.20pm**

* If Children in year 5 or 6 have a brother or sister in year 3 or 4 then they may arrive with their sibling at 8.50.

Drop off and collection

From September you will be able to use the gates on both Pear Tree Street and Harrington Street to enter the school site at the start and the end of the school day. Further details of where you children can be collected from will be shared in September.

Gates will open at **8.45am** in the morning and **3.05pm** in the afternoon

Uniform/PE kit

All children should return in September wearing school uniform.

This incudes a blue sweatshirt, white polo shirt or shirt, black trousers or skirt and plain black shoes or trainers.

Children will be able to continue to wear PE Kit on the days they will be taught PE. Children MUST wear the school PE kit as specified below. Teachers will update you on the days that your child will need to wear their PE Kit

Blue sweatshirt, white polo shirt or T-shirt, black jogging bottoms / leggings or shorts and plain black trainers.

Lunch Times from September

From September we will be looking to have two periods at lunchtime.
Timings will be:



Year 3 & 4 11.40-12.30pm

Year 5 & 6 12.40 - 1.30pm

The children will eat in the dining hall in their own year group and play within their own zone. Year groups and not classes will be separated.

Helping your child to be ready for school



Attendance

In school on time everyday!

Please make sure that your child is in school everyday.

Children with the best attendance do better in their learning!

Punctuality HERO

Here Everyday Ready On time

It is really important that your child is here on time every so they do not miss vital learning



Uniform

Look smart: Be the part

Your child is expected to wear uniform everyday

Wearing uniform will give you a sense of belonging and pride



Organised

Be Prepared to Succeed

Please remind your child to bring what they need to school, it is their responsibility to remember

*see below for what they will need



During the first week back, your child will receive a black rucksack to help them be organised.

Children will need to remember their:

'Jigsaw learning' Book (Further details will be sent regarding this)

Water bottle

Packed lunch (if necessary)

Protective measures that will be **removed** when your child starts on Monday
Please bear in mind that schools may need to have additional measures if circumstances change

Class bubbles - children will now be able to play and work with friends from other classes

Seating arrangements in rows - teachers will decide how pupils will sit in the classroom. This might be rows or table groups

Staggered start and end times for all Year groups – children will now come and go with one other year group

No wearing face masks on the school site or social distancing. Please feel free to continue wearing a mask if you wish. We would also ask all parents to respect other people's personal space and not gather in groups

Prevention Measures will still be in place



Washing hands

There will be regular opportunities where the children will wash their hands throughout the school day.



School cleaning

There will be an increased amount of cleaning around the school



Ventilation

A key way to control the spread of the virus is to ensure good air flow in occupied rooms



Good respiratory hygiene

The children will be encouraged to use tissues and be taught to Catch it, Bin it, Kill it

Prevention of Coronavirus

School staff will continue to complete a Coronavirus Test twice a week. This will allow us to find any cases where symptoms are not present

Any pupils or staff must **not** come into school if they have coronavirus symptoms:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

Self Isolation

The rules on when you have to self-isolated have changed.

If you or your child is identified as a close contact, you will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace and they will instruct you on what to do next.

The link below contains the current government guidance for you to follow:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>

Adults who have had both vaccines are not required to self-isolate, unless they have symptoms or test positive. Please consider being vaccinated if you have not been already!

Message from Jill Wilkinson (Chair of Governors)

Autumn is here already – where did the summer go! A new year means a new start so I want to take this opportunity to wish you all a very warm welcome back to Pear Tree Juniors, particularly for our new Year 3 children as they start a new stage of their education.

As your Chair of Governors, I am very proud of our school team as I know they will again be working incredibly hard to do the best for all children. Pear Tree Junior School has transformed over the last couple of years and our investment into quality resources - teaching, enrichment and physical activities will continue throughout this year.

As a Governing Body we will remain focused on monitoring the overall progress of the school – offering support and challenge where appropriate against the school priorities and developments. If you are interested in finding out more about the Governing Body or perhaps interested in becoming a Governor we do have a vacancy for a Parent Governor so please get in touch!

Dates for the Diary 2021 -22



Monday 6th September

Children Return to School for the start of Autumn Term

Friday 17th September

Transform Trust INSET Day School Closed to Pupils

Friday 22nd October

End of Autumn term 1 – half term

Monday 1st November

Children Return to School for the start of Autumn 2 term

Thursday 23 December

End of Autumn term 2 - half term (Break up for the Christmas Holidays)