



PARKWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

The time has come to welcome the children of Parkwood back to school. The teachers and support staff have been hard at work over the summer period to prepare the school for the children's return on Monday 6th September.

Before the summer break, a letter outlining the timings for the new school day were emailed to parents.

Foundation Stage: 8.50am - 3.05pm

Year 1, 2 and 3: 8.45am - 3.10pm

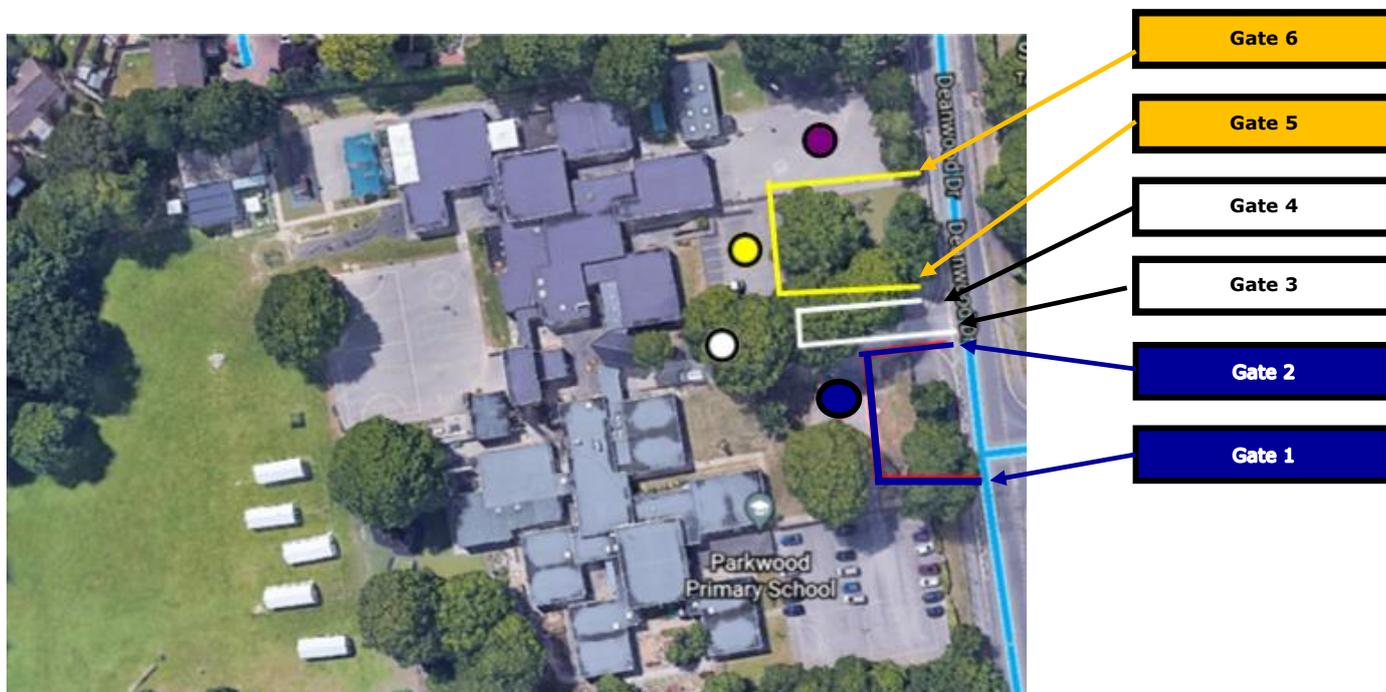
Year 4, 5 and 6: 8.40am - 3.15pm

Despite the very challenging circumstances last year, we did introduce some approaches which were positive.

Below you will find guidance for drop-off and pick-up. Logistically, you'll notice some similarities to our approach in July: for example, we will continue to operate a one-way system. Coupled with staggered starts, this approach has proved to be an excellent way to get the children into school in a safe, calm and efficient way. It has been fantastic for the staff to greet children at the start of the school day and see them out at the end of the day.

Unlike before, you **are welcome** to enter the school site to drop-off **and** pick-up your child. You will be able to enter the school site five minutes before your child's drop-off or pick-up time. We still ask that parents follow the route onto and off of the school premises. We do ask that all adults and younger siblings coming onto the site **stay behind the red line**. Please call or email the office if you need to contact your child's class teacher. Feel free to send any notes via your child to their teacher if you feel they need to be aware of anything minor.

On the next page, you will find a bird's-eye-view map of the school to make the entrance and exit gates as clear as possible. Each year group will have a coloured route to follow.



Routes:

Blue route: Year 6 and 3 one-way system (enter gate one and exit gate two)

White route: Year 5 and Year 2 one-way system (enter gate three and exit gate four)

Yellow route: Year 4, 1 and FS one-way system (enter gate five and exit gate six)

Lining Up Points:

			
Year 6 and Year 3 lining up point	Year 5 and Year 2 lining up point	Year 4 and Year 1 lining up point	FS lining up point

You are welcome to wait until your child’s class is lead into school. We then ask that you make your way off the premises to make way for the next group of parents.

Of course, we ask that parents and carers are supportive and understanding should things need to revert back to systems in place in July. We will keep you updated when or if the guidance changes. This system will make it far easier if we have to return to social distancing with minimal disruption.

All teachers have had a walk through of the new system and are ready and raring to go. Look out for teachers holding signs to guide the children to the right place.

We are looking forward to an exciting year of uninterrupted learning with your child. The first few days of any new system can seem confusing, but people will get used to it and we ask for your patience and support in making this work.

Kindest regards,

Mr Moir