

PARKWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

We have now been fully open for two weeks and it has been wonderful to see how well the children have settled back into school. They have, as usual, astounded us all with their resilience and positive attitudes to their learning.

Although, there are still significant differences to how the school is running we have tried to ensure that the children are not upset or disrupted by these changes. Some of the alterations have, in fact, proved to be positive changes including the start and end of day procedures.

We fully appreciate that this may not be as positive to you as the adults, but the children are able to arrive at school to calm, a controlled line, met by their teachers and all entering the classroom together. The end of the day is also a calmer, quicker exit allowing children to say goodbye to their teacher as they leave.

We have however, noticed that a number of children have been significantly late for their year group in the last two weeks and we ask that, as parents, you please do your best to ensure that your child arrives within their allotted time. Class teachers will be encouraging children to make sure they arrive on time and may well speak to you separately if there is a pattern of lateness. We understand that there are occasions when something prevents you from being able to arrive on time and we would appreciate a phone call or note to let us know the reasons. If you require further help with getting your child into school then please contact the school office who will forward your concerns to the pastoral team.

On another note, we ask again that all adults wear masks when in or around the school. This is for the safety of everyone and whilst we are still in lockdown and the guidance from the government remains, we will keep promoting this amongst our parent population.

We would also like to remind you of the drop and go arrangements. Please do not stay near the school grounds to catch up with friends as this makes it difficult for others to pass you and leads to crowds of adults in certain areas.

School staff will not be policing the behaviour of parents as the Governors have made it very clear that this is not something we should be doing.

We all need to support each other and work together for our community and ensure that we do everything we can to stop any spread of the virus. We want to keep your children in school and not go back to bubble isolations or another lockdown.

Thank you to all those people who are following the advice and guidance.

Kind regards