



Parents' Guide to Returning to School in June 2020



Following the Government's Statement on Sunday 10th May, schools across England will begin a staggered approach back to school for children from week commencing 1st June 2020.

General Questions and Answers:

What times/days will my child be able to attend?

If the number of children does not exceed expected figures from the earlier survey then we hope to invite Reception and Year 1 children in all day but with staggered starts and ends to their days. Fridays will be half days to allow teacher planning time and cleaning.

What are the staggered times?

Times will vary depending on which 'bubble' group your child is allocated but they range from Band A 9am – 2.30pm, Band B 9.15 – 2.45pm and Band C 9.30am – 3.00pm. If the demand is much higher than the original survey, there may be a need for a Band D 10am – 3.15pm. You will be informed of this once we know who is coming back to school and the children are allocated to bubbles.

How will the staggered start and end of day work?

Depending on the number of parents wanting their child/children to come into school and their year group, the school will allocate each child to a bubble and member of staff. With this bubble will be a specific drop off and pick up time (see above). In order for us to safely get the children into school and with as much social distancing as possible these times are non-negotiable. I appreciate that parents returning to work may find this difficult and parents may have to speak with their employers for some flexibility but due to the numbers of children we must all stick to these times. It is important that we limit the amount of interaction between different groups of people so in order for this to work successfully parents/children must attend school on time and within their allotted times. We do not want children to enter through the front reception area and go through the school building as this increases the potential for cross contamination.

Will the school be closed on Fridays?

After lunch on Fridays, the school will shut early to allow for staff planning time and additional cleaning time. Band A, B and C bubble groups will be given an earlier Friday pick up time when their bubble group is allocated. The pick up times will be Band A – 12:00, Band B – 12:15 p.m, Band C – 12:30 p.m.

How will classes/bubbles be organised?

As per the government guidance, we have planned smaller class sizes of up to 12 children. Where possible and depending on final numbers, these will be children from the same class/year group.

Who will be the adult/s that support my child?

Where possible your child will be supported by staff that your child knows, either a Teacher or experienced Learning Support Assistant.

What room will my child learn in?

Where possible children will be in a classroom within their normal year group.

What gate should I access to enter the school?

Only one person to accompany your child to and from school/in the school grounds. Our new one-way system means entering the school through the car park and walking to the double field gates at the top of the car park. You can enter onto the field and here you can wait with your child whilst following the social distancing rules.

Where should I drop off/collect my child?

A member of staff will open the gates from the playground to the field, the children will be expected to walk into their bubble room entrances by themselves. Parents will continue to walk through the playground and out of the gates onto Lawn Lane. This one-way system will be repeated for collection purposes. Do not enter the school through the usual gate. It is important that you stick to your drop off and collection time to allow effective social distancing.

Should my child wear their uniform for school?

No, school uniform is NOT required. Many children will have grown out of their uniform and we do not expect parents to purchase new uniform so close to the summer holidays. Children are asked to come into school in sports/casual clothes and wearing suitable footwear/trainers to also do PE in. No open toe sandals or flip flops to be worn. Different clean clothing should be worn every day to help prevent the spread of germs from home to school and vice versa.

What will they need to bring with them each day?

- A named coat or jumper if needed (weather dependent).
- A named water bottle as usual.
- Packed Lunch if your child is not having a school packed lunch.
- A healthy fruit or vegetable snack (as these will not be available from school) but NO GRAPES please.
- Sun hat (children will need to apply sun cream prior to coming into school as staff are unable to support with this).
- Return the school reading books in the zippy wallets – these will be cleaned and set aside. We will not be sending home reading books at this time.

Please make sure all the above items coming into school are clearly named.

What should I NOT bring into school?

- Book bags
- PE kits
- Toys or favourite/special items.

How have Perryfields Infants organised the school so it is as safe and welcoming as possible for my child's return?

Staff have been working hard to try to make the school environment as safe, warm and welcoming as possible for the children. As we have mentioned in our previous communication, the school and class environments will look very different.

How have Perryfields Infants organised social distancing in school?

As previously mentioned **we cannot guarantee social distancing** with our young pupils. However, each child will have its bubble group in a class zone. They will have their own workstation. This will be where they will keep their learning equipment and water bottle etc. Outdoors, each bubble group will have an allocated zone to play in. There will be a selection of equipment available to this class group and it will be cleaned after each play session.

What will happen at lunchtimes?

Each bubble group will have an allocated Midday Assistant. The children will wash their hands, gel their hands and sit at their workstations for lunch. The Midday Assistant will give out the school packed lunches, which will be eaten at their tables. All bubbles will have different staggered lunchtimes to ensure children do not mix with others outside of their own bubble group and once finished eating they will go into their allocated zone in the playground to play with their selection of equipment. This equipment will be cleaned after each lunch. When children come in from lunchtime they will be asked to wash their hands again.

School packed lunches will be ordered on a daily basis by the children at the start of the school day, there is no need to pre-order. If your child usually has milk from Cool Milk please contact them to re-start your child's milk delivery at school at www.coolmilk.com.

What will happen at break times?

Break times will be the same format in the playground as lunch times.

What sort of learning will my child be doing on their return to school?

Learning will be consistent whether accessed at school or at home and following a very similar timetable. The online learning will continue to be available on the website for parents who decide not to send their child/children back to school.

How will Perryfields help my child to settle back into school life if they are feeling anxious?

Due to restrictions, staff are to have very limited physical contact with the children and staff members will be allocated a set group of children to support each day. If any child arrives at school distressed the parent will need to calm their child down as much as possible before their child enters the building – take them for a walk around the playground, sit on the bench and talk to them so they can enter the building without support. **Parents will not be allowed into the school.** Mrs Reid and another member of staff will be around each morning to greet the children and will help with any worries where possible.

Before your child returns to school please speak to them, in an age appropriate way, so that they understand the changes they may see and to relieve any anxieties they may have. Please read the **'How to keep safe when we welcome you back to school' leaflet**, which is attached to go through before coming back to school. All children will need to know what is happening, please do not spring it on them the morning they return to school as they may have questions they want to ask you.

What if my child has an EHCP?

The school will make reasonable endeavours to ensure your child is supported with their learning and emotional needs however, this will be provided by the adult in their bubble and in the bubble environment. If a child requires intimate personal care then a member of the on-call support group will support them in full PPE equipment and the parent may be called to collect their child. If challenging behaviour were a regular occurrence, which would normally require physical handling then an individual risk assessment would be taken for this child with the parents to ascertain whether the child is able to safely attend school at this current time.

What additional support will there be if my child has a special educational need?

If your child has additional needs, the adult within the bubble will be made aware of their needs and their targets. Where possible their learning will be differentiated within the bubble.

What will happen if my child becomes unwell while they are at school?

Any child who shows possible COVID-19 symptoms will be isolated in the well ventilated reception area with a member of staff in full PPE equipment. You will be called to collect your child and go home to isolate, following government guidance. Children who are symptomatic will be entitled to receive a COVID-19 test which you will have to book. You must inform us of the result as soon as you receive it so appropriate action can be taken if necessary. Please note should your child require Calpol before school this could indicate they are unwell so please do not send them in.

What would happen if there was a confirmed case of Coronavirus in school?

The child/adult with the confirmed case would be isolating and following government guidance. Public Health England would be contacted and the areas which this person was working would be thoroughly cleaned. Further Public Health England advice would be followed and the children and adult from that bubble may have to go home.

What if I need to contact the school office during the school day?

Do not enter the reception/office area unless you have been invited to do so via the phone/email. Please make all communication via telephone or email. This may seem like a strong measure, but we are doing all that we can to keep all in our community safe. If it is urgent that you must speak to the office team then please wait outside on the social distancing markings and the team will let you in. It is important that we limit the amount of interaction between different groups of people, this includes the office staff.

If you would like to contact the school you will need to:

- Email the office on: admin@perryfields-inf.essex.sch.uk
- Call the office on: 01245 268714

What if I would like to talk to a member of staff?

Staff will not be able to talk at the classroom door at the moment like they usually do as there will be many people trying to get their child in to the classroom bubble, whilst following the social distancing one way rules. If you would like to pass on a message to the class/bubble leader, please use the email address and number above and the message will be passed on to the member of staff and they will be in contact if necessary as soon as it is possible.

Will my child be able to access the 'Peardrops' breakfast and after school club?

At this time, this is not a provision that the school feels it can offer. It would not be possible to keep children within specific bubble groups separate during this time and due to the lack of space within the school, we are unable to safely accommodate this at present.

How will Perryfields infant school continue to liaise with parents/carers?

- Perryfields Post
- CLP updates
- DB Primary
- Emails
- Website

What will happen if I choose not to send my child back to school when Perryfields Infant re-opens?

Parents are reminded that they do not have to send their child back to school. This is a voluntary choice. If parents would rather their child stay at home, their home learning would continue as normal up until the end of the summer term being 22nd July. Work will continue to be provided on the school website for each year group.

What if I change my mind and want my child to come back to school later in the Summer term?

School will require notice if your child comes back after the initial group at the start of June. Please contact the school if you do change your mind about your child coming back to school and we will arrange the return date with you. We will only accept new returners on a Monday. If we have too many children returning later in term, we may have to re-organise groups and possibly reduce the provision offered.

Please remember that all staff are working in unprecedented times and are doing the very best for your child. It is our job to keep everyone as safe as possible and adhere to Government guidelines.

We hope you have found this information useful.

Thank you for your co-operation during this difficult time.