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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your family are safe and well and coping with the continued demands of these uncertain times. We have reached the end of another extraordinary school year. It has challenged us in so many different ways and yet throughout this the strength, the unity and the 'can do' attitude of our whole community shone through yet again.

I am so proud of the Deptford Park staff team. They are a hardworking, committed group of professionals at the best of times but when faced with a challenge, will move mountains to make sure that the children's needs are put first. They have worked tirelessly and have certainly earned their summer break. I wrote these words last year and they remain as true as ever.

Step 4 of the Government roadmap means that schools will no longer be asked to conduct routine contact tracing, the NHS Test and Trace will now do this nationally for everyone.

However, over the summer break it would be useful for the school to be notified as well. When school closes we will put our Covid Line system in place and you will be able to report positive Covid cases to us as well as NHS Test and Trace.

#### What should you do?

- If your child gets a positive PCR test result, NHS Test and Trace will contact you, using the details you registered when ordering the PCR test.
- You will need to tell us by telephoning the school and leaving a message on the Covid line.
- Please leave your child's name, class and the first day they showed symptoms.
- Please leave in your message as much of the information as you can.

You can notify the school by calling the school number **020 8692 4351** and leaving a detailed message on the Covid Line. We may call you back if we need further information. Please note this may be from a withheld number.

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Recent government guidance has given schools new freedoms to no longer operate bubbles. However, we have decided as a school that Deptford Park will consist of 4 large phases of children. Inside each phase will be 2 or 3 year groups. We will continue to use different gates to prevent large gatherings of children and parents. This arrangement means we can revert to Year group bubbles if the need arises. The key principle is that all children will return to school in September with systems in place to keep everyone as safe as possible.

The school day will start at **9.00am** and school will finish at **3.20pm**.



## DPPS Plan for Opening: September 2021

		Start time	Break time	Lunch time	End time
Phase 1 and 2	EYFS	9:00am Enter via the Nursery Gate	N/A	11:45am – 12:30pm Play on the Back Field	3:20pm Exit via the Nursery Gate
	Year 1	9:00am Enter via the EYFS Gate	10:30am- 10:45am KS1 Playground	12pm- 12:45pm Play in Infant Playground	3:20pm Exit via the EYFS Gate
	Year 2				
Phase 3	Year 3	9:00am Enter via the Main Gate	10:15am- 10:35am KS2 Playground	12:00pm- 12:45pm Play in KS2 Playground	3:20pm Exit via the Main Gate
	Year 4				
Phase 4	Year 5 Year 6	9:00am Enter via the Football Cage Gate	10:40am- 11am KS2 Playground	12:45pm- 1:30pm Play in KS2 Playground	3:20pm Exit via the Football Cage Gate

We ask parents to collect and drop off swiftly to avoid congestion. We would still expect parents to socially distance. Parents will drop and collect at the gates and only come onto the site when invited.

The following outlines the information you need to know about the start of the new academic year:

### Thursday 2nd September

All children return to school. The school day starts at **9.00am** and school will finish at **3.20pm**

### Lunch and Play Times

All breaks will be staggered by Phase and children will be allocated areas of the playground to play.

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## Uniform

All children are to wear full school uniform every day, as well as wearing PE kit during physical education lessons.

## School dinners

Hot lunches will be available and children in KS1 and Reception can have a free hot meal as previously. Dinner money payments will still be handed in at the gate in a sealed envelope – unfortunately no change can be given.

The office will continue to text parents the end of week balance.

## Communicating with the class teacher

Parents will not be able to speak to the class teacher after school or in the morning. Instead parents are able to email the class teacher using the class email address.

[classname@deptfordpark.org](mailto:classname@deptfordpark.org) for example: [pearl@deptfordpark.org](mailto:pearl@deptfordpark.org). Teachers will respond within 48 hours. More urgent requests should go to the office via an email or phone call.

## Children carrying items into school

We do not want children bringing items into school and then allowing other children to touch those items.

Coats and PE kits are to be hung on pegs outside the classroom.

Pencil cases are not allowed in school - children will be allocated stationery.

Children will receive a reading log which will be kept in a plastic wallet.

Homework will be delivered via Google classroom - minimising items going back and forth from home.

## Breakfast and after school clubs

Breakfast and after school club will start on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

## Clubs

There will be no after school clubs for the first half of the Autumn Term. This will be reviewed in October 2021.

## Attendance

From September all children are obliged to regularly attend school. Absenteeism will be monitored and parents will be asked to explain every absence period.

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## Symptomatic children

If your child exhibits any symptoms which could be associated with Covid 19, they should get tested to ensure early detection. If any child or staff member displays symptoms and is tested positive, the child/staff member will need to self isolate for 10 days following national guidance and local guidance.

Please refer to the **contact tracing** letter for more details.

I will publish our draft risk assessment based on the latest guidelines issued on our website. There may be further guidance in August so the plan is dynamic and I will update it as new information becomes available.

Once you have read the risk assessment, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. If you are going abroad in August, please check quarantine arrangements because if you need to self-isolate on your return, you will need to make sure that children will be ready for school on 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the school staff for the energy and commitment they have shown, and continue to show, to support our children and families. This year has certainly presented many challenges and I am really impressed with the way in which our school has worked together for the good of everyone in our community. The Deptford Park community has demonstrated resilience throughout this period, each child has reflected this.

I would also like to thank you, our parents and carers, for the part you have played in supporting your children with their learning at home and the helpful feedback you have provided. We are very much looking forward to welcoming our children back in September and are busy planning a curriculum to meet the children's' needs as well as ensuring that each child feels welcomed, valued, and supported.

We wish all our year 6 children every success in the next step of life's journey. Have a wonderful holiday and, for those families returning, we will see you in September.

I hope that you all have an enjoyable summer break. Keep safe and stay well!

Sincerely,



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