



# Grove Road Community Primary School

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Dear parents/carers,

We are all looking forward to seeing all the children return to school once more from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March and being back together again.

The staff are busy preparing for the children to return safely and I would like to ask for your help and support to ensure we all have a positive start from next Monday.

During the three weeks prior to the Easter break, we will be particularly focused on children's social and emotional well-being, helping them to settle again by re-establishing familiar routines with kindness, humour and understanding. When appropriate to do so, the team will carefully assess where the children are academically and how we can best support their progress moving forwards.

**The considerable safety measures and procedures from the autumn term, prior to lockdown, will remain in place.** I would ask that you carefully review and read the updated school guidance with a particular focus on key procedures such as drop off and collection times/locations.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the full reopening procedures, please do not hesitate to contact me at school or via [headteacher@groveroad.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@groveroad.n-yorks.sch.uk).

It really does feel as though there could be light at the end of the tunnel soon and we can tentatively start moving towards normal school life once more. It is imperative, however, that we continue to support one another to follow the rules to ensure that this will be the case.

Take care and stay safe.

Kind regards,  
Chris Parkhouse  
Headteacher



In March, protective measures will continue to make the school as safe as possible for all the children on their return. This guide will give you a summary of the main points to support your child's return to school.

The full plan and risk assessment are available on our website at [www.groveroad.n-yorks.sch.uk/our-school/public-health](http://www.groveroad.n-yorks.sch.uk/our-school/public-health)

## Prevention:

### Minimising contact with those who are unwell

- Staff, pupils and other adults are not to come in to school if they have coronavirus symptoms or have tested positive in the last 10 days.
- Anyone in school who becomes unwell with coronavirus symptoms must be sent home.
- Anyone who shows symptoms must book a test and engage in NHS Track and Trace. Test results should be reported to school as soon as these are received (including weekends and holidays).
- Everyone will need to be ready and willing to self-isolate if they have been in close contact with someone who develops coronavirus symptoms or someone who tests positive for coronavirus under the advisement of PHE.

### Clean hands

- Children and adults should clean their hands with soap and water regularly including when they arrive at school, when they return from breaks, when they change rooms and before and after eating.

### Face Coverings

- All adults should wear a face covering when on school premises, unless medically exempt.

### Minimise contact between individuals

The children will have staggered start and finish times to the school day with allocated drop off and pick up points:

Class	Drop Off	Collection
<b>Nursery (Mrs Bynoe)</b>	8:45am-9:00am/12:15pm-12:20pm Nursery Gate	11:30am-11:45am/3:00pm-3:15pm Nursery Gate
<b>Reception (Mrs Kendall)and Reception/Year1 class (Mrs Mingam)</b>	8:40am- 8:50am Front gate nearest Skipton Road	2:50pm-3:00pm Front gate nearest Skipton Road
<b>Year1/Year 2 (Miss Barrett and Miss Voakes)</b>	8:40am-8:50am Front gate nearest Ashfield Road	2:50am-3:00pm Front gate nearest Ashfield Road
<b>Year 3 and Year 4 (Mrs Smithson, Miss Atkinson and Mrs Homburg)</b>	8:40am- 8:50am Ginnel gate	2:50pm-3:00pm In Ashfield Road gate, out Ginnel Gate
<b>Year 5 and Year 6 (Mr Morland, Mrs Robayna and Mr Harrison)</b>	8:40am - 8:50am Ashfield Road Gate	3:00pm to 3:10pm in Ashfield Road gate, out Ginnel Gate



- Children will stay within their class 'bubble' as much as possible.
- The children are not expected to maintain social distance with other children within their group but will be encouraged to distance whenever reasonably possible.
- Children should stay in their classrooms as much as possible or outdoors. They will not be sharing spaces within school, other than the hall at lunchtime or for PE lessons.
- We will minimise the number of visitors to the school, including parents, and these should be by appointment only, following the school guidelines and risk assessment at all times.
- We ask that parents/carers also minimise contacts with children in other bubbles outside of school if possible.
- Parents are asked to be prompt with drop off and pick up times to avoid children mixing with other year groups. They should maintain a social distance whilst in the playground and should not linger at the school gates to avoid contact with other groups.
- Parents/carers should not enter the playground until the gates have been opened or until the previous year group has finished.
- The children will have staggered break times and lunchtimes

## School operations

### Transport

- Parents/carers are encouraged to walk or cycle to school to avoid unnecessary cars on the road.
- The bike rack will be open but bikes/scooters must be kept separate.
- If coming by car, parents are encouraged to stay in the car until it is their time to enter the site.

### Equipment

- Children should limit what comes in and goes home from school each day and should be limited to essentials such as a lunchbox (only if they are not having a school meal), hats, coats, water bottles and reading books.
- Each class will have its own supply of reading books which will be changed for the children.
- All children in EYFS and KS1 have access to Bug Club for reading online books as well.
- Each child will have their own supply of frequently used equipment such as pencils, scissors, colours etc. Equipment that is shared between the children in the bubble will be cleaned regularly along with frequently touched surfaces.



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## Attendance

- Parents/carers have a duty to ensure their child attends school each day and schools have the responsibility to record attendance and follow up on any absences.
- Registers will be completed twice a day and any absences will be followed up by the Office staff.
- We have the ability to issue fixed penalty notices in line with our attendance policy.
- All children, including those who were previously shielding or had family members who were previously shielding, can return to school.

## Lunchtime

- The children will have a hot meal at lunchtime if requested. The menu will be reduced to make it easier and quicker to serve and the children will get a choice of a main dish or vegetarian dish at the beginning of the day.
- The tables will be cleaned thoroughly between each sitting.

## Uniform

- The children should come to school in usual school uniform although we understand the difficulties some families may be experiencing, due to the current situation, to purchase different sizes and footwear.
- **ALL children are encouraged to wear trainers up until the Easter holiday so that we can be as physically active as possible whilst giving families more time to be able to purchase new school shoes in the near future.**
- Uniform does not need to be cleaned any more than usual.

## Sammy's Den (Breakfast & After School Club)

- Sammy's Den will remain open for before and after school care for the children at our school in the main school building.
- The children will continue to be split into 'bubbles', in separate areas, to minimise the number of contacts the children have.
- The children will be able to stay at Sammy's until their class starts school each morning and will be able to attend in the afternoon from when their class finishes.
- Parents/carers should only use Sammy's Den if the provision is reasonably necessary to support them to work, seek work, undertake education or training, attend a medical appointment or address a medical need or attend a support group.