

Special Briefing



Return to School | Reception

We hope that you find this information useful as you prepare for your child to return to school. If you have any questions about returning to school, please email returntoschool@pinnerpark.harrow.sch.uk

The School Day

The school will run to a revised timetable to enable safe entry to and exit from the site. The times for each class will be:

	Birch	Chestnut	Oak	Willow
Morning drop off	8.40am	8.55am	9.10am	9.25am
Afternoon Collection	2.40pm	2.55pm	3.10pm	3.25pm



It is very important that children arrive just before the time indicated above.
We do not want children to mix with children from other classes.

At the end of the school day parents are welcome to wait on the playground but please do not arrive early. We will ask you to leave the school premises as soon as your child is with you. Please ensure that you observe a 2 metre distance from others at all times.

Further details about our entrances, exits and routes around school are below.

Staffing

Your children will be taught by the following staff members:

Class	Group A	Group B
Birch	Miss Brazell Mrs Jayawardena	Miss Brazell Mrs Jayawardena
Chestnut	Mrs Carter Miss Patel	Mrs Massiah Mrs Carter
Oak	Mrs Palmer Mrs Knowles	Mrs Brophy Mrs Knowles
Willow	Mrs Bouhar Mrs Liu	Mrs Bouhar Mrs Liu

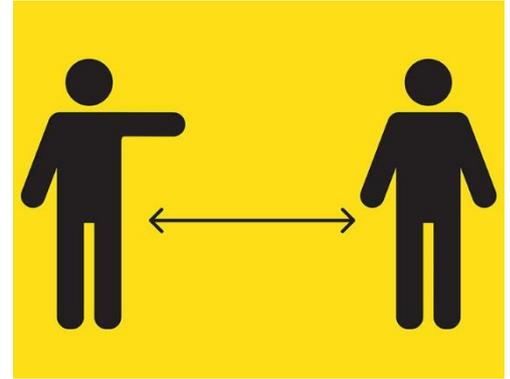


Other members of staff (school leaders, admin and premises staff members) will also be in school during the day.

Social distancing?

A number of parents have asked about our approach to social distancing.

The Government recognises that primary age children cannot be expected to remain 2 metres apart from each other and staff. In deciding to bring more children back to early years and schools, the government has taken this into account. We will work through the hierarchy of measures:



- avoiding contact with anyone with symptoms
- frequent hand cleaning and good respiratory hygiene practices
- regular cleaning of rooms and shared areas
- minimising contact and mixing

We have set up the Reception classrooms and the school site to promote social distancing but we are not expecting our Reception children to remain 2 metres apart. They will be able to work alongside each other within their bubble and they will still be able to undertake familiar early years activities.

Adults in school, including parents, will be expected to keep at least 2 metres apart at all times.

Your agreement with us

We are working hard to follow the government's guidance in order to keep everyone as safe as possible.

If your child is returning to school, we would ask that ensure all the following:

- Follow all guidelines issued by school
- When not in school, continue to follow the latest government guidance, e.g. social distancing
- Inform school immediately if there is anyone in your home with any coronavirus symptoms and keep your child at home
- Be available by phone throughout the school day
- If your child is ill during the day, collect him or her as soon as possible
- Adhere to the staggered start and end of day times and one-way routes
- Only come into school if you have an appointment



Packed Lunches and Fruit Snack

We will not be providing a hot school meal during this half term but we can provide a packed lunch for any child who needs one. You do not need to pre-order a packed lunch, we will do a simple count up at the start of each day. The three-week rolling menu can be [viewed here](#). You are welcome to send a packed lunch in with your child.

Lunches will be eaten in the classroom. Your child is welcome to bring in a piece of fruit to have at break time.



School Uniform and Equipment

We are not expecting children to wear full school uniform, though you are welcome to if you would prefer.

We don't want Reception parents to have to buy new uniform items at the end of the year, and we want children to be able to wear comfortable, practical clothing which can easily be washed.

Clothing should be appropriate for a full range of activities (including physical activity). We won't be using our PE kits (these will be sent home if they are still in school). Please ensure that your child can manage any buttons, zips or shoe fastenings independently.



Your child will not need to bring in any equipment from school, including bags. We will provide everything that is needed (your child will have a personal pack of resources which won't be shared). We will provide water and a water bottle for your child.

The only items which your child will need to bring in are a packed lunch (if he or she is not having a school packed lunch) and a fruit snack for break time. As we are expecting some fine, sunny weather, please ensure that your child is covered in suncream before school and brings a hat. We will not be able to apply suncream for your child.

Covid-19 Symptoms and Action

The most important symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of any of the following:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)



For most people, especially children, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

If you, or any member of your household, has any of the symptoms above you must:

- stay at home
- arrange to have a test to see if you have COVID-19
- inform the school straight away

If a child or adult develops any of these symptoms whilst in school they will be immediately isolated and sent home.

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Entrances, Exits and Routes

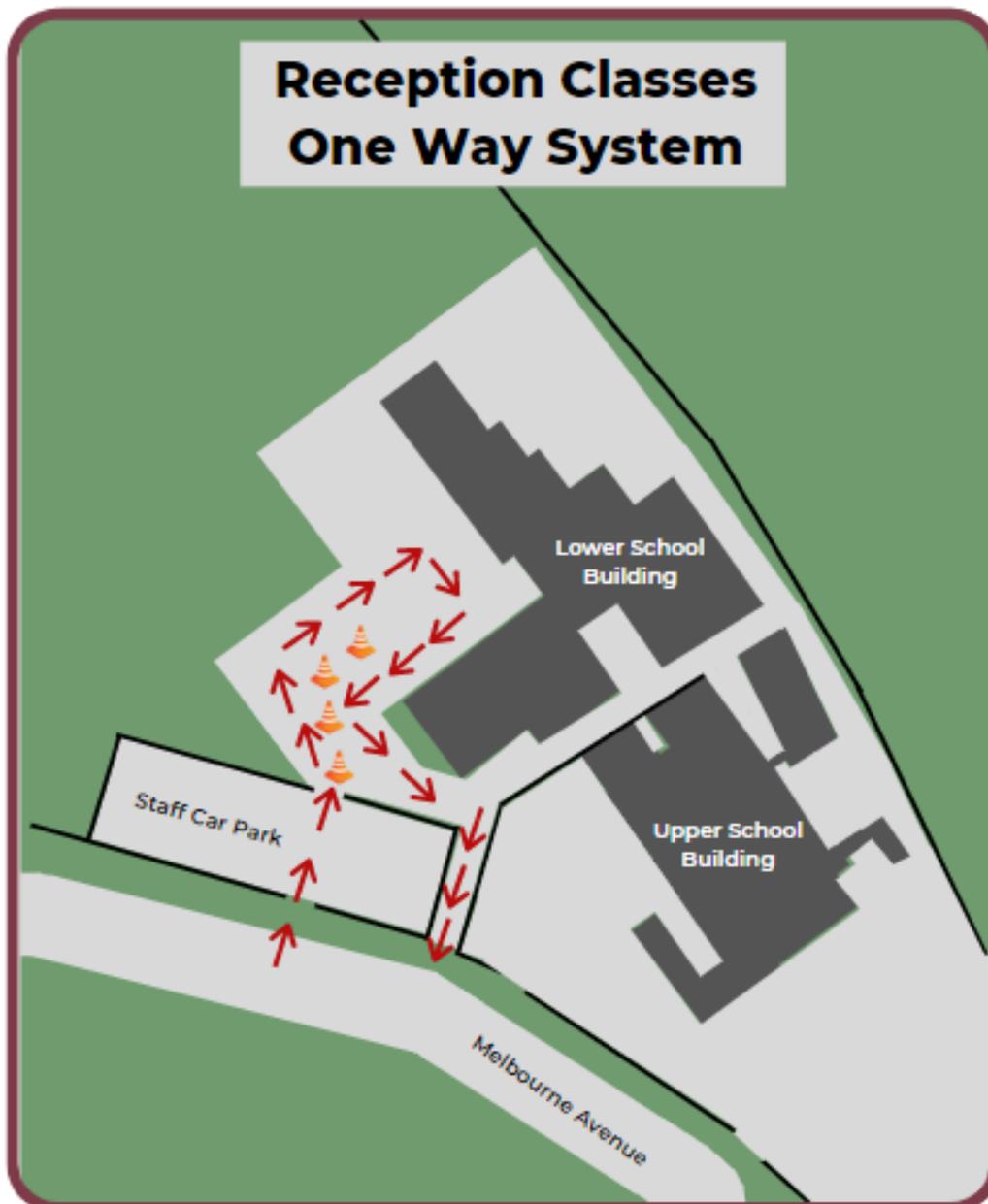
We are operating a one way system for all drop off and collections. Only one parent for each family will be allowed on site.

Reception and Year 1 children will come through the staff car park. The entrance will supervised at all times by members of staff. Once through the car park, Reception parents should stay to the left of the cones.

Once on the playground, children will be asked to line up and parents will be asked to stand clear. The children will be brought into school by an adult. Once the children have been collected by a member of staff, parents should leave, keeping to the left of the cones, and out through the main gate. Please maintain a clear 2 metre distance at all times.

At home time, please follow the same route and wait on the playground. Please stand well back from the building at the back of the playground. Once reunited with your child, leave the school premises promptly.

Thank you for your support with these arrangements. Members of staff will be on hand to guide you.



Group A and Group B

Last week we are sent information about which group your child is in. These groups have been allocated alphabetically, with just a few exceptions (mainly to ensure that siblings are in school on the same days).

GROUPS

All children have been allocated to a group. Although we do not expect all students to start school next week, we want to ensure that a space is available for each child going forward.

For Reception, Group B will start school on Thursday 4 June and then will be in school for Thursdays and Fridays. Group A will start on Monday 8 June and will be in school on Mondays and Tuesdays.

We are sorry that we are not able to accept any requests for placement into particular 'bubbles', for any reason. We know that this is difficult for parents, and we know that there are some very genuinely good reasons for children being in a particular group.

Children of Critical Workers and Vulnerable Children

Children of critical workers, and vulnerable children are eligible to be in school each day. We will have a two key worker groups set up for this purpose.

If your child is in the key worker group, he or she will not be able to have contact with their class group, even on the days when that group is in school. If your child is only attending on days when their class group (A or B) is attending then they can remain with the class group.

We cannot permit any child to be part of two groups.



Further Information

All the information we have sent home, and a regularly updated 'frequently asked questions' document are available on our school website: <https://pinnerpark.harrow.sch.uk/return-to-school.html>

If you have any other questions please email: returntoschool@pinnerpark.harrow.sch.uk

If you have not told us if your child is returning (or if you were unsure when we asked) please email returntoschool@pinnerpark.harrow.sch.uk as soon as possible to let us know either way