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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been quite a year! One of the most challenging that many of us have faced. That said, we would like to take this opportunity to thank the many parents and families who have shown their support during this incredibly difficult period. You have proven once again what a great community Chorlton Park is and how we all come together during tough times.

Well done to all our parents and pupils this term for all of your hard work with home learning, it has been great to see how much you have completed at home. We appreciate how challenging this has been for you and we are delighted that so many of you managed this so successfully. Well done also to the children that have returned to school so enthusiastically, it has been wonderful to see them adapt to a new way of working.

We would also like to say a special thank you to the entire staff team who have worked tirelessly this term, I'm sure you will join with us in thanking them for their hard work and dedication whilst juggling their own individual family circumstances.

Staffing News

We will be saying goodbye to Mrs Grainger, Mrs Griffith and Mr Harris who are all retiring. They have all worked at Chorlton Park for many years and we would like to thank them for all the contributions that they have made to our school community. We wish them a fun-filled and very happy retirement. We are also saying goodbye to Mrs Maylett and Mr Sukatorn who are leaving to continue their studies.

We would like wish Miss Gaywood luck with her imminent new arrival, we look forward to hearing her news at the beginning of September. Miss Douglas had a beautiful baby girl in June, congratulations to her.

September

Looking ahead to September, we have been looking at the DFE 'Guidance for the full opening of schools' and it is our plan that all pupils, in all year groups, will return to school full-time from the beginning of the autumn term. **Children in Years 1 – Year 6 will return to school on Thursday 3rd September 2020.**

If your child is going into either Nursery or Reception you should already have received induction details in regards their specific start dates. The information in this new letter will apply once their induction is completed.

We are planning for all children to spend their school day within their 'class' bubbles with their own teachers, However, there will be occasions when children will need to mix across their Year group; it will be necessary for children to share facilities during lunchtime with other children from their Year group and also some staff work across a Year group. For those children who access wraparound care, the children will be organised into Year group bubbles. Our cleaning schedule has been enhanced to maintain good hygiene and children will be asked frequently to wash/sanitise their hands.

Beginning and end of the day

Staggering entrance/collection will ensure that the adults and children on site can distance appropriately and it will reduce the risk of children coming in to contact with children from other 'bubbles'.

Parents are to be encouraged to walk to school where possible and we ask that only one parent accompanies their child/ren. We know that lots of children bike to school but unfortunately due to the limited space on site in September we will not have the facilities to store them during the day. Once the new build is completed bike racks and storage will be available again.

Nursery – Year 4 arrangements

Parents are to enter through their designated gate and must exit via the same gate, please ensure that social distancing is maintained. Parents must arrive on time for entry to school, they must not arrive early or late. In the instance that parents have children in more than one year group, parents may wait with their children either at the front of school or in the park, strictly following social distancing from other parents and children. Parents will be asked to drop off and leave, rather than remain on school grounds.

Parents mustn't congregate at the 'drop-off' point, they must instead arrive on time and then depart.

At the end of the school day, parents must not arrive early or late. They must collect their children on time so that teachers can release children safely. The playground will be open to parents to briefly wait in before their children are released to them. Whilst waiting, we ask that parents form a queue in their classes designated area. Staff will be on hand to help you with this. Whilst parents are waiting, social distancing must be adhered to.

Year 5 and Year 6

Year 5 and Year 6 children will be dropped off at the drive gate at the front of school, they will be met there by a member of staff; parents will not be allowed on site. We recognise that some of the older children make their own way to and from school, please let us know if your child will be travelling without an adult, you will need to fill in the permission form and return it to school. Your children will receive these forms on the first week back.

At the end of the day any child walking home by themselves will be dismissed first and the remainder of the children will be brought to the drive area to be collected. Whilst parents are waiting, social distancing must be adhered to as this is a smaller space.

	Drop off/Pick up gate	Drop off time	Pick up time
Nursery	Gate 4	9am	3pm
R1	Gate 1	8.40	3pm
R2	Gate 1	8.50	3.10pm
R3	Gate 1	9am	3.20pm
Y1	Gate 2	8.50am	3.10pm
Y2	Gate 3	8.50am	3.10pm
Y3	Gate 3	9am	3.20pm
Y4	Gate 2	9am	3.20pm
Y5	Gate 5	8.50am	3.20pm
Y6	Gate 5	8.40am	3.10pm

Gate 1 – Barlow Moor Road gate (Behind the bus stop)

Gate 2 – Yellow playground gate (Access through the park near reception)

Gate 3 – Yellow main playground gate (Access through the park near the new building)

Gate 4 - Front of school pedestrian gate (Mauldeth Road West)

Gate 5 – Front of school drive entrance (Mauldeth Road West)

Communication

Because our main priority is to ensure that children are dropped off and picked up quickly, teachers will not be available to speak to at the beginning and end of the day. Parents can contact teachers through email or Class Dojo if they have queries about the day or they can call to make a phone appointment. If there is an urgent matter please contact the school office on 881 1621.

Lunches

We will be offering school lunches to all children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. As Reception, Y1 & Y2 are eligible for Universal School Meals they do not need to pay for dinners. For Nursery children, unless you are eligible for Free School Meals you will need to make payment by ParentPay. We will be unable to take any cash payments from September and further information will be issued nearer the start of term.

Children in Year 3 – 6 will be required to bring in packed lunches which will be eaten in their classrooms. **Lunches will only be provided for those children on Free School Meals.** We are aware this is not an ideal solution but we are unable to accommodate all the children in the school hall within the limited lunch time whilst maintaining safe social distancing. We will review this in the Autumn term and are hoping that as the guidelines change we will be able to return to offering school lunches to all.

In summary:

- **All children in Years 1 – 6 to return to school on Thursday 3 September. Nursery and reception children has received specific information in regards their induction and start dates**
- **Children to spend most of the day with their own class 'bubble' but will occasionally be with children from across their Year group where required.**
- **Please stick to the gates and times in the table (above). If you are late, go to the school office and wait outside to be seen. You may have to wait in a queue.**
- **Children should wear school uniform. Please see our website for retailer details, we will not be selling uniform from the school office in the Autumn term.**
- **Children need only a coat, bottle, packed lunch if not on school meals.**
- **On PE days children need to come in a white sport T-shirt, school sweatshirt and black or grey jogging bottoms/leggings.**
- **Children with symptoms of coronavirus will be sent home and not allowed back for 14 days unless you provide evidence of a negative test result.**
- **Walk to school where possible.**
- **Nursery children can order and pay for school meals using ParentPay.**
- **Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 children will receive Universal Free School meals if required.**
- **Year 3 – 6 children will need to bring a packed lunch to school, unless they are eligible for Free School Meals.**

We understand this is a lot of information to take in and we appreciate you making yourself familiar with it before the start of term.

We hope you all have a lovely Summer break and we look forward to welcoming all the children back in September.

Mrs Blackburn & Ms Habershon