



Porters Grange Primary School & Nursery

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Dear Parents / Carers,

We are really looking forward to welcoming all of our children back to school next week. The Government has issued detailed guidance on how all children can return and stay safe. We have made sure we have all of the recommendations in place so that every child can be in school safely. Some of the measures we must have in place will mean that we need support from our families to implement them. During the last term we have seen how fantastic everyone has been in following the systems and procedures and we are sure this will continue in the new academic year.

In order to avoid large numbers of people entering and leaving our site at the same time, we have to continue to have a staggered start and finish. The arrangements are as follows:

Year Group	Start Time	Entry point	Finish Time	Exit point at the end of the day.
Nursery	8.45am/12.45pm	External door in the Early Years garden.	12.15pm/3.15pm	External door in the Early Years garden.
Reception	There are separate induction arrangements for children entering our Reception year group.			
1	9.00am	Corridor near the South Hall	3.15pm	Shell class via the South Hall fire doors. Pebble via the corridor by the South Hall.
2	8.30am	Bridge playground central external door.	2.45pm	Bridge playground external doors. (Central door for Seahorse class, door to the right for Oyster class.)
3	8.40am	Lobster class via the classroom external door. Starfish class via the left hand external door on the bridge playground.	2.55pm	Lobster class via the classroom external door Starfish class via the left hand external door on the bridge playground.
4	8.35am	Porpoise class via external door to the right on the bridge playground. Orca class via the classroom external door on the bridge playground.	2.50pm	Porpoise class via external door to the right on the bridge playground. Orca class via the classroom external door on the bridge playground.
5	8.45am	Swordfish via the external classroom door. Sea Turtle via the external door to the right on the bridge playground.	3.00pm	Swordfish via the external classroom door. Sea Turtle via the external door to the right on the bridge playground.
6	8.50am	External classroom doors.	3.10pm	External classroom doors.

We are a **good** school in all areas

"The school's work to promote pupils' personal development and welfare is Outstanding"



There is a one-way system in operation through our site. All children and families must enter via the gate on Southchurch Avenue and exit via the gate onto Lancaster Gardens. If you are unsure about which door your child should enter, the staff on the gate will guide you to the correct place. There will be no playtime before school; all children will go straight to their classrooms. On arrival, all children will need to wash their hands; teachers will support our younger children to do this if needed.

Families with siblings can bring all the children to school at the first arrival time. They will be able to go straight to their classes. At the end of the day if you are waiting for other siblings please ensure you remain 2m away from others and wait either at the back of the bridge playground or on the front playground.

Breakfast club will be open from Thursday 2nd September. Children can enter in the normal manner via our Lancaster Gardens entrance. Whilst in Breakfast Club, the children will be organised in year group bubbles and extra cleaning and hygiene measures will be in place. Please email the school office to book in your child.

During the school day the children are going to be organised into year group bubbles. We have timetabled the day to make sure the bubbles do not mix. Children will be asked to wash their hands regularly and will not be moving around the site as much as previously. We are endeavouring to provide a full curriculum offer, however there will be changes to the way we teach some aspects to ensure all practices are COVID safe. We continue to have an enhanced cleaning regime and all classrooms have been organised in line with government guidance.

We ask all parents to contact the office via email or phone where possible with any enquiries. If you do need to speak to the office or another member of staff, then a prior appointment will need to be made. Parents will be asked to wear a face covering when meeting with any members of staff including face to face communication with the school office. All of our children are younger than 12 years old and therefore will not wear face coverings.

Uniform is once again required for all children. (Please remember that our policy includes a requirement for children to wear black shoes.)

Our school kitchen will be open and serving hot meals. There will be a slight reduction in the amount of choice for the first few days, however we hope to have a full menu available as soon as possible. The menu is available on our website.

The Government have provided information and guidance for parents and carers about children returning to school. Further details are available at: www.gov.uk/backtoschool

We have worked hard to make Porters Grange a safe place for our school community because we strongly believe that school is the best place for our children to be. The staff are excited to have children back in class with them and we hope to see you all next week.

Kind regards

Miss D Henley
Principal