



# Porters Grange Primary School & Nursery

Part of the Portico Academy Trust

Principal Miss D. Henley

Vice Principal Mr M. Aggus

Lancaster Gardens, Southend-on-Sea, Essex, SS1 2NS

Tel: 01702 468047

[www.portersgrange.co.uk](http://www.portersgrange.co.uk)

Email: [office@portersgrange.southend.sch.uk](mailto:office@portersgrange.southend.sch.uk)



PORTICO  
ACADEMY TRUST

opening doors, unlocking potential

CEO - Mrs C. Woolf

Dear parents/carers,

We hope that you and your families are coping well during these difficult and strange times. We would also like to thank you for your patience whilst we have been developing our arrangements for the potential wider reopening of schools following the Prime Minister's announcement last week. We are working hard to plan for a safe return whilst taking into account the complex and changeable advice from the Government.

The guidance has identified 4 year groups which should return to school at the earliest opportunity. These year groups are Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. However, we will be welcoming back children from these year groups in a staggered return in order that it can be conducted as safely as possible. **Our Nursery children will be the first year group to return. The school will be open to them from Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June.**

Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 will return in a different manner. In order to satisfy the Government's guidance of smaller class sizes, we will be bringing children back on a part time basis. This will mean that only one class from each year group will be in school at a time and they will alternate each week. Details of which weeks your child's class will be in school will be sent out at a later date, but we plan to bring in year groups from the following dates providing the advice does not change:

**Reception – 8<sup>th</sup> June**

**Year 1 – 10<sup>th</sup> June**

**Year 6 – 15<sup>th</sup> June**

It is important to note that school will be different to before. The Government has acknowledged that social distancing is not realistic in a school setting. Instead, the children will be organised in small groups which will spend their days isolated from other groups. Because of this, your child may not be taught by their own class teacher. There will be staggered arrival and departure times and lunch and break times will also be separate from other groups of children. In this way, combined with rigorous handwashing and hygiene procedures, we can reduce the risk of any infection spreading. Further guidance on arrival times and other procedures will be sent out nearer to the time.

These changes will make school a very different place and it may be unsettling for the children. We ask that you try to prepare them for these changes by having conversations prior to their return. In particular, it is important that they are aware that they may not have their normal class teacher, they may not see all of their friends and they will need to understand the importance of good hygiene.

Once again we would like to thank you for your patience and ask you to look out for more specific guidance from us relevant to your child's year group nearer to the time. The wider reopening of schools is potentially a difficult time for the children, parents and staff but we believe, with the arrangements which we are putting in place, we can make it a happy and safe as possible return for the children.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Miss D Henley

Mr M Aggus

Principal

Vice Principal

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

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

