

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

*Greenmount Primary School
Reopening in September
2020*

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Greenmount
Primary School



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When will school open?

As you know, we are a very large primary school. To keep everyone safe and to establish our new year group bubbles, each year group will have a different start time:

Year Group	Start Date	Entry Time	Collection Time
Nursery	See separate information on (page 5)		
Reception	See separate information on (page 4)		
Year 1	Tuesday 8th September	8:50	2:50
Year 2	Tuesday 8th September	8:50	2:50
Year 3	Tuesday 8th September	9:00	3:00
Year 4	Tuesday 8th September	8:50	2:50
Year 5	Tuesday 8th September	9:00	3:00
Year 6	Tuesday 8th September	9:00	3:00

We will monitor the success of this during the first few weeks. Arrangements are subject to change.

Reception Children

To ensure a smooth transition for all of our new Reception children, we will be putting the children into very small groups of approximately four. Each group will have a different start date.

When will my Reception child start school?

Tuesday 8th September-one hour visit with one parent (Times have been sent to you already)

Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th-8.50am-11.45am

Friday 11th-full day 8.50am-2.50pm

When will I find out my child's personalised start time/date?

We will remind all parents by text message or email before start the start date. Times and dates were sent out in July.

We will monitor the success of this during the first few weeks. New Government guidance is due to be released on the 11th August. Arrangements are subject to change.

Nursery Children

To ensure a smooth transition for all of our new Nursery children, we will be putting the children into very small groups. Each group will have a different start date.

When will my Nursery child start school?

Doorstep visits Mon 7th and Tue 8th September (Staff will come from Nursery to your doorstep)

One hour visits parent and child (Wed-Fri) times have been allocated and a text reminder will go out.

From Monday 14th children will start in small groups (Parents have already been sent details but reminders will be sent)

Parents coming with their child for a visit are kindly asked to wear a face mask when in the school premises

When will I find out my child's personalised start time/date?

We will remind all parents by text message or email before we start back.

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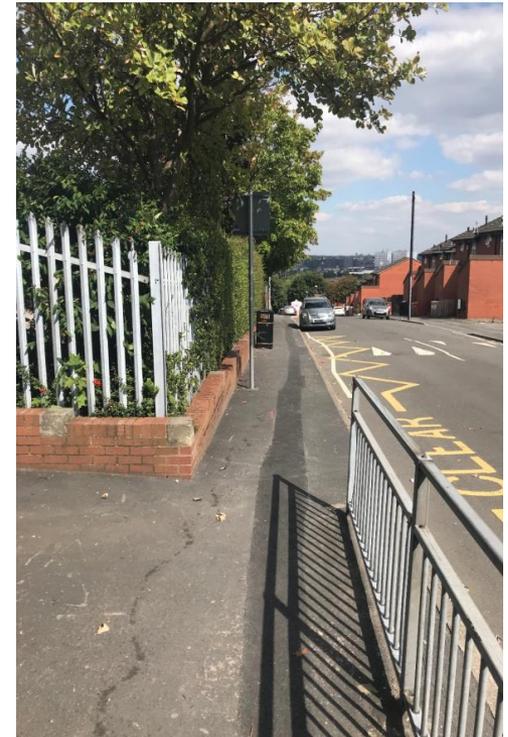
How will I drop my child off?



- **Only one adult to drop-off and collect**
- Go to the gate you have been allocated
- You will not be able to drop off your child early so please do not ask
- You will drop your child off at the gate.
- Parents/carers will not enter the school premises
- If you would like to arrange a meeting with someone then ring or text to make an appointment

What will happen at home time?

To keep everyone safe, children will be collected from designated areas. These areas are still to be confirmed. We will confirm these arrangements in September. For now go to the gate you dropped your child off at.



Children in years 5 and 6 can walk home alone if you have given your permission.

How should we travel to school?

- We encourage all parents to walk to school where possible, to help the local environment and improve the children's fitness.
- If you use public transport to travel to and from school, all adults and children over the age of 11 must wear a face mask.
- **Only one adult to drop-off and collect**



Will my child wear uniform?

We always expect all children to wear full uniform appropriate to the weather.

Children will not need their PE kit in the first week and they will find out when their day is and they can come in P.E kit.

All items **MUST** have your child's name clearly marked on them.



Uniform

Navy Blue Round Neck Jumper
Navy Blue Cardigan
White Polo Shirt
Grey Trousers/Skirt/Pinafore/shorts
Grey Salwar Kameez
Navy Blue Headscarf
Blue gingham checked summer dress
Black shoes

P.E Kit

White t-shirt (Short or long sleeved)
Black jogging bottoms/leggings or shorts
Trainers or pumps

Jumpers, cardigans and polo shirts will be available with the new Greenmount logo on or you can buy the plain ones and wear them. They are widely available from lots of supermarkets and retailers.

If you want to buy uniform with a logo on, they will be available from <http://www.designschooluniform.co.uk/> they have a whole range of basic uniform to buy as well – including grey trousers, dresses, skirts and black pumps. You can buy online or in store on Great George Street/Kirkgate market.

What will my child bring to school?



- Disposable lunch in a paper bag (if my child is on packed lunches)
- Water bottle
- Mask is optional, there is no rule to wear one. We will not be able to touch or help your child with their mask if they choose to wear one.



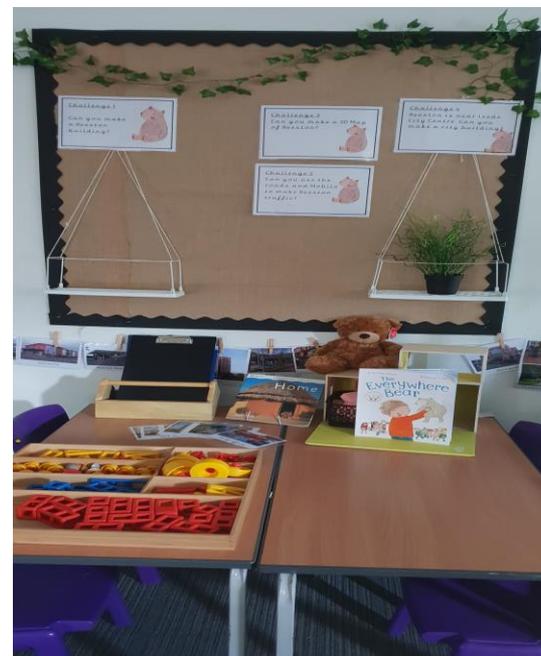
No other items are permitted.

How are children socially distancing?

Children have been organised into class groups that will stay with each other for most of their time in school. We will allow children in each year group to mix for very short periods of time e.g. during entry and exit times and for a short 'catch-up' intervention- however strict social distancing would be in place.

Playtimes will be staggered so that fewer children are outside the classrooms. The playground will be zoned to create smaller areas for each bubble to play in. See page 18.

Children will not move around the school as much as they used to however, when they do, they will use a one way system and the social distancing markers to help them.



How are school staff socially distancing?

Staff will continue to maintain 1m+ social distancing wherever possible.

Our staff room will not be used for staff to congregate and our school office is out of bounds to all but a few members of our team.

We will not allow visitors or parents onto the school premises, however we are still available to talk to parents either over the phone, email or online meetings on Zoom.

Staff meetings will take place virtually.

We have a strict staff toilet protocol.



What will the classrooms look like?

The classrooms do look a bit sparser than they usually do, this is so that the surfaces are easily cleaned.

In Years 1 to 6, the desks have been arranged into front-facing rows.

Teachers are planning learning activities that reduce the need for close face to face interaction.

Adults will give feedback to the children at the adults' level rather than the adult moving to the child's level.

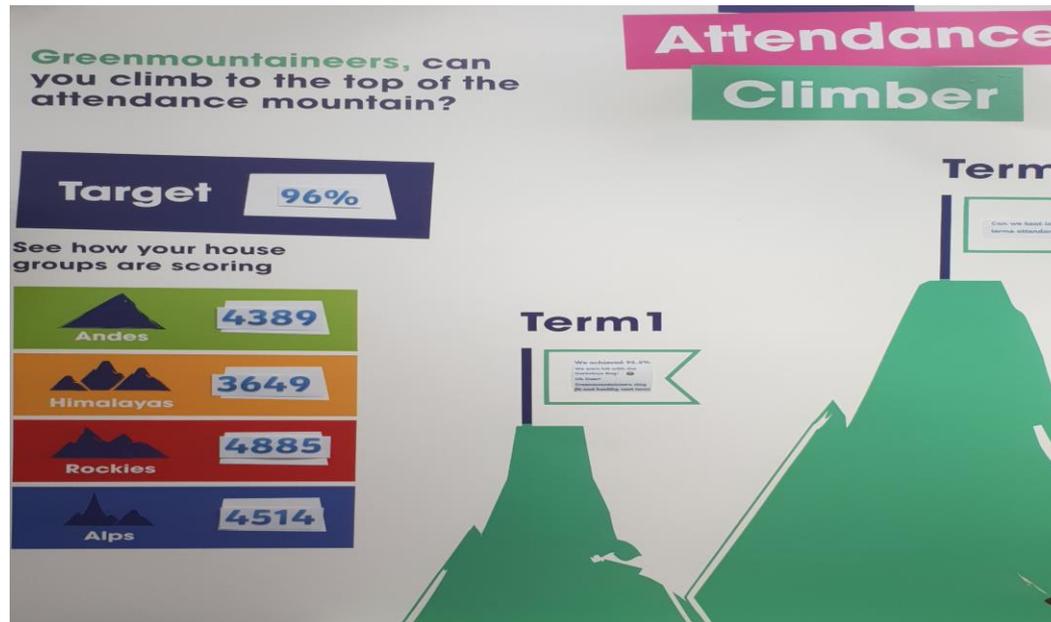
Reception children will be allowed to sit on the carpet in small groups but will be expected to distance themselves as much as possible.



Does my child have to attend school?

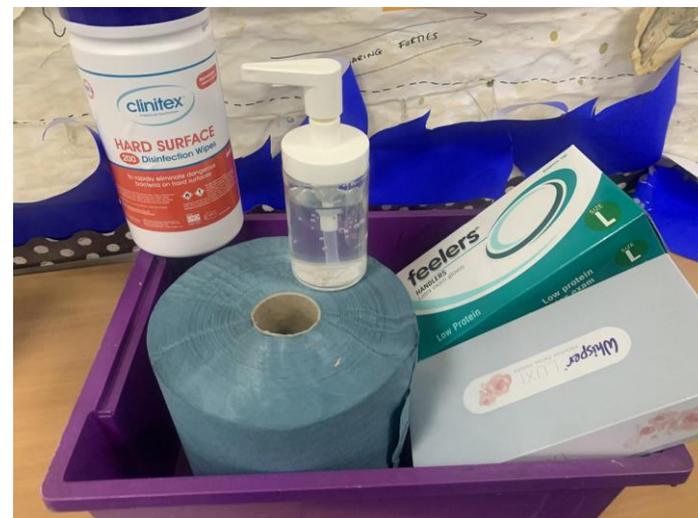
The Government has made attendance for all pupils compulsory from the start of the Autumn Term. We understand that some parents may still feel anxious about their children returning to school. We hope that the measures we have shared will reassure parents.

Absences are to be reported to school in the usual manner before 9am.



How are we keeping the school clean?

- We have hygiene kits in each classroom, including cleaning products and equipment.
- Surfaces are cleaned regularly and all equipment is cleaned in between use.
- Our cleaning team will clean doors, bannisters and toilets regularly throughout the day.
- We have removed lots of the equipment and items from the rooms to ensure surfaces are easily cleaned.
- Most soft furnishings have been removed from classrooms.
- Children and staff are expected to wash their hands multiple times throughout the day
- We have hand sanitising stations in all areas of school.
- We have plenty of tissues and remind children about good nasal hygiene.



Do the normal expectations still apply?

We have extremely high expectations for behaviour and attitude at Greenmount and we expect all children to meet our expectations.

It would be very useful for parents to begin to talk to their child about the school expectations and routines before the start of the Autumn Term particularly if the routine at home has not been maintained during the recent closure.

If the bedtime routine has not been maintained, we strongly recommend parents begin to re-establish this important routine as soon as possible.

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What will happen at playtime?

Bubbles will have staggered playtimes and will be allocated to an area

There will be a rota for the field



What will happen at lunchtime?

- Children will eat their lunch in their bubble classroom or in the hall
- Lunches will be a cold or hot grab bag option
- If your child pays for a school lunch, their meal will be delivered to the classroom
- If your child is on Universal or Free School Meals, their meal will be delivered to the classroom
- If your child brings a packed lunch, it must be disposable and in a paper bag
- Pupils will go outside to play when they have finished their lunch. They will play in their allocated area (see page 18).
- Lunchtimes will be staggered so that bubbles do not interact.



Will there be assemblies?

All assemblies will take place virtually via Zoom until further notice.

We did this in summer term and it worked really well.



Will there be a Breakfast Club?

- Breakfast Club will only be available for our working parents. Proof will be needed from your employer. You need to book a place via the office. This will cost £1 per child per day (£5 per week)
- We will inform you when we begin to re-introduce our Breakfast Club for all.



Will there be After School Clubs?

- All after school clubs have been cancelled until further notice.
- We will inform you when we begin to re-introduce our clubs.



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How will we help the children to catch up?

- Our priority is around wellbeing and health.
- The first half-term is to be used as a catch-up period by revisiting important key objectives in all subjects from the Summer Term.
- All teachers and leaders have reviewed the curriculum and adjusted our plans so that it enables the children to repeat aspects they may need to, but also supports rapid progress
- Teachers will plan support for anyone who needs additional help in Phonics, Reading, Writing and Maths.



How will you help your child to catch up?

- As we all know, reading is very important, so, by reading at least once everyday with your child will help them to keep up to speed.



What happens if a child gets ill in my child's bubble?

- No child or adult showing signs of infection are allowed on the premises.
- Staff and pupils are required to have immediate tests if they show symptoms. We expect parents arrange a test for the child. We will request evidence of a negative test result (i.e. the text message from the NHS) before the child is allowed back to school.
- Any child who displays any symptoms of Covid must be collected immediately.
- When the child is awaiting collection, they will be moved to a room where they can be isolated behind a closed door with a window.
- The adult supervising the child will wear full PPE clothing when dealing with a suspected case; this includes a face mask, face shield/ visor, apron and gloves
- The other children within that bubble will move to a sterile room so that the original bubble classroom can be deep cleaned.

What if my child, or one of our family members becomes ill?

- If any child in school tests positive for Covid, every child and member of staff in their group will be required to self-isolate for 14 days.
- If a member of a child's household tests positive for Covid, the child and the household members must self-isolate for 14 days. The other children and staff in the child's group do not have to self-isolate.

Click here to book a test:

<https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test/what-is-your-name>

What if I live with an extremely clinically vulnerable person?

- If any families have a household member who will continue to shield after the 1st August, please contact the school office before the end of term so that an appropriate risk assessment can be carried out.
- The government guidance states that all children will be expected to attend school from September and we want to work with any parents who are worried to reassure you that we are taking every precaution to keep our community safe.

We look forward to welcoming you all back, if we can help in any way please get in touch with us.



***Remember to sign the home school agreement
and bring it back during the first week.***

Remember to tell us about:

- Changes to medical information
- Changes to address or telephone numbers
- Permission for walking home alone (Children in Y5 and Y6 only)

