



Unsworth Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are looking forward to welcoming all children back to Unsworth in September and we are also looking forward to welcoming our new Reception class. Our Before and After School Club will be operating daily and our school kitchen will be fully open to provide children with hot meals. All children **start school on Thursday 3rd September**. Although we are welcoming all children back, we have to operate in a different way to ensure that we are complying with the guidelines that the government has set out.

Children will be taught in their age group classes and throughout the week the timetable will ensure that they receive a broad and balanced curriculum entitlement. Due to the logistics of having 227 children on site we will be continuing to have staggered start/end, break and lunchtimes so that we are able to control the flow of movement in and around the school. In the morning children in years 3-6 and their siblings are asked to enter school via the school gates gate between 8.50-9.00. Children in years 3 and 4 will come through the pedestrian gate and children in year 5 or 6 will go through the large double gates. Children in Reception, year 1 and year 2 who don't have siblings in KS2 should enter school between 9.05-9.15. Reception class will come through the pedestrian gate and year 2 and year 1 will go through the large double green gates. There will be staff outside to help guide children to their classrooms.

Parents will still be unable to enter the school building and the general school site, unless a prearranged appointment has been made via the school office. However, at the end of the school day there will be a marked space for parents to wait for children at the lower end of the school playground for each class. The pedestrian gate should be used to enter the playground and the large double green gates used to exit the playground so that a one way flow of children/adults is established. It would also be helpful to establish this down Blackley Close so that people leaving school walk down the pavement on the right hand side. We would ask that parents don't arrive earlier than collection times, maintain social distancing and leave promptly once children have been collected. Children in years 3-6 and their siblings can be collected between 3.15-3.25. Children in Reception, year 1 and year 2 should be collected between 3.30-3.40. We will review this regularly across the autumn term and in line with any changes to government guidance.

Children will not be able to bring back packs to school of any form. All children should only bring a book bag style bag to carry their reading book and homework in. The only other items children should bring to school are a water bottle and a lunch box. PE kits will need to be in a drawstring style bag only. This allows us to ensure that items in cloak rooms are kept to a minimum. All children will have their own individual pencil case and equipment provided by the school so will not need to bring any such equipment into class.

Currently we are unable to hold any form of large gatherings, so we will be unable, in the autumn term, to hold assemblies, parents evenings or events in the hall such as discos or our school productions, unless government guidance changes. Virtual whole school assemblies will be held during the week so that all classes can link together. At the start of every day all children across school will take part in PSE activities linked to a theme, as we all work together as a community to settle our children back into school and help them process the changes that have been going on around them. We will also be looking at different ways in which we can report back to





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you on your child's progress and interact as a community. We will work with our fabulous PTA on what this could look like during the autumn term and beyond if needed.

Children will still take part in PE lessons, work on art projects, have music sessions and learn about the wider world through science, history, RE and geography. Every morning our English, Maths, phonics and guided reading sessions will re connect children to elements of their learning that may need securing. Both Mrs Ali and Miss Sinclair have been putting together our school approach of how we will unpick where every child is up to in their learning across the first few weeks back. During the summer they will be sharing this information with you before children start back in September.

Children will still be bringing reading books and homework home to complete and all classes will still have access to Tapestry across next academic year. If you have not already done so, please login to Tapestry. Every class teacher has posted a welcome video to both you as parents and the children, providing information about their class next year and we hope that this helps children with transition, as it is something they can revisit throughout the summer. Teachers have also set the children a little challenge.

Over the summer I will continue to update you with relevant information about September and there will be a new space on our school website where all the information will be put together. This will include a more detailed overview of the protective measures we have in place linked to advice from Public Health England and the Department for Education and our new home/school agreement that I will be asking all parents to read, sign and send a copy in to school. The agreement will give you a clear overview of what we are trying to achieve and our expectations. The Health and Safety of all of our pupils, staff and wider community is of paramount importance and we must all work together to ensure that if anyone is unwell or has any symptoms relating to Covid 19, the appropriate procedures are followed. We will also be asking for you to update your contact details to ensure that we have 3 contacts for every child.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all on behalf of myself and the staff for your messages of support and the lovely comments you have sent us through Tapestry and the school email over the last few weeks. As parents you should be incredibly proud of what you have done to support your children since March in such difficult circumstances and it has been lovely for us to see the work you have shared with us through Tapestry, Twitter, email and post. We really do appreciate your feedback and we are really looking forward to welcoming all of our children back in September.

Yours Sincerely

Mr Rhodes

Mr A Rhodes

Head teacher

