

Half Acres Primary Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Following the Government's announcement this week, that schools will be fully reopen from Monday 8th March, we are excited to welcome our children back into school. We know some families may feel nervous and anxious about schools reopening, but please can we assure you as previously, we will do everything we can to make the transition as smooth and safe as possible.

Can we just remind parents/carers when we reopen of the following: as the weather is becoming much warmer, our school building does still require it to be ventilated so please send children with cardigans/jumpers and warm coats.

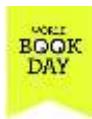
Please can we remind you that when on site face coverings should be worn at all times by adults and please can we also ask that every effort is made to socially distance when on site and only enter and leave the school grounds briefly to drop off or pick up children. Please try to ensure that you arrive as close to your bubble start time as possible so to avoid children mixing outside of their bubble. It is just as important to avoid arriving late and entering through the main office entrance as this creates contact with additional adults, unplanned movement around school and impact on teaching, learning and planned hygiene times.

Can we politely remind you not to approach staff members for conversations at drop off and pick up. Messages can be sent via the school office, either by phone or by email. It is really important that we keep all of our staff healthy and safe and limit their contact with others. This will enable us to keep our bubbles open and all of our children in school and learning.

The times for school will remain as they previously were to help with socially distancing. If your children have siblings they can be dropped off at the earliest bubble start time and collected at the latest time, as you did previously:

Nursery AM	8.30am - 11.30am entrance via the car park
Nursery PM	12.25pm - 3.25pm entrance via the red gate
Reception	8.40am - 2.55pm entrance via the red gate
Year 1K	8:50am-3:05pm entrance via the car park and into the vestibule
Year 1N	8:50am-3:05pm entrance via the silver gates into classroom
Year 2C	8:40am-2:55 entrance via the silver gates into classroom
Year 2S	8:30am-2:45 entrance via the silver gates into classroom
Year 3AB	9:00am-3:15pm entrance via the silver gates into the classroom
Year 4M	8:50am-3:05pm entrance via the red gate
Year 4R	9:00am-3:15pm entrance via the red gate
Year 5	8:40am-2:55pm entrance via the main reception
Year 6	8:30am-2:45pm entrance via the main reception.

Please do not enter the box marked out, outside entrances, this is to further support social distancing.



World Book Day

We will be joining in with this event on March 4th. We are asking everyone to wear pyjama's, and we will have activities on Seesaw around the theme of World Book Day, please keep a look out!

Veritas Education is running their competition again. They are wanting children to decorate a potato in the theme of their favourite character from a book. Please can we ask parents to email pictures of the potatoes to ha-enquiries@ipmat.co.uk, including your child's name and class no later than Wednesday 3rd March. They will choose a winner for each school, and their prize will be a £10 book voucher. Each winner will then be put into a grand prize draw and the person who wins overall, wins their school £100 book vouchers! Good luck!



Red Nose Day

This year Red Nose Day will be on Friday 20th March. We do not want to put an added pressure on parents, but would still like to participate in the event. We therefore are asking children to wear a red top on that day and a voluntary donation of a £1. Red Nose Day are raising funds to help provide safety to families who need support, take action against domestic abuse, help give children a brighter future and very importantly tackle mental health stigma. We as a school understand the importance of these issues and how some of these have been affected by the ongoing pandemic, which is why we feel it is important to support such a great cause.

Vacancies

We currently have vacancies in school for a lunchtime supervisor and an additional member to our cleaning team.

There are also opportunities to gain experience for future employment through trainee placements. The Kickstart Scheme provides funding for us to create new job placements for 16-24 year olds on Universal Credit who are at risk of long term unemployment. These roles are for a 'Trainee Premises Assistant', 2 'Trainee Play Workers' and a 'Trainee Administration Assistant' which will be based at the school. There is also a 'Trainee Digital Media Assistant' position which would be based at our Head Office.

Please see our Twitter and website for further information regarding applications.

Kind regards

Mrs R Taylor
Headteacher
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