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Dear parents and carers,

Full school reopening

I am delighted to be writing to update you on the **school's plan to open to all children from Monday 7th September 2020.**

Over the past weeks, the senior leadership team, staff and governors have been working hard to ensure the school is ready to invite all children back from Monday 7th September. Staff have been using the time during the INSET days this week to ensure that children have a great experience at school once they return.

Our aim will always be to provide stability and a sense of normality for our school community, particularly after this challenging time, however there will inevitably be some small changes to day-to-day arrangements. A key feature of our re-opening plan has been the implementation of staggered start and finish times for various year groups and 'bubbles' – further details of which can be found on the school's updated risk assessment, which is now published on our website here: <https://www.princessmay.hackney.sch.uk/parents/letters>

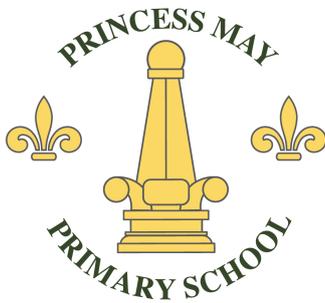
Details of staggered start and finish times as well as entrance gates for your child's class can be found below. All gates will be clearly labelled in time for the first day back, and we would ask you to ensure that you only use this gate when dropping off and collecting your child.

Year Group	Start Time	Finish Time	Entrance/Exit Gate
Nursery	9:10am	3:30pm	Barrett's Grove - small gate
Reception	9:10am	3:30pm	Barrett's Grove - small Nursery gate
Year 1	9:10am	3:30pm	Princess May Road – small gate
Year 2	9:10am	3:30pm	Princess May Road – double gates
Year 3	8:55am	3:15pm	Barrett's Grove – small gate
Year 4	8:55am	3:15pm	Barrett's Grove - small Nursery gate
Year 5	8:55am	3:15pm	Princess May Road – small gate
Year 6	8:55am	3:15pm	Princess May Road – double gates

Parents will be unable to enter the school premises during drop-off and collection, and will be asked to drop off and collect 'at the gate' in the mornings and afternoons, taking care to maintain social distancing on the pavement.

You will see from the school's risk assessment document that extensive measures have been put in place to try to reduce the risk of infection in school. We will also be taking careful steps to educate all children of the new expectations. Key features include:

- Children to be kept in bubbles at all times, including at break and lunch times
- Social distancing to be implemented between children and adults, where possible, including in classrooms
- One-way system in operation throughout the school for staff and pupils



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- Contactless hand-gel dispensers outside each classroom
- Individual stationery packs to be provided to children with no pencil cases permitted
- Staggered start and finish times for each year group
- Parents and carers to drop children at the gate and not permitted on premises
- No communal gatherings of adults and outside of bubbles, including whole-school assemblies

Compulsory return from September

It is important to note that the Education Secretary has confirmed that schooling for all children is again compulsory from September. The school therefore has a legal duty to ensure each child at Princess May returns from Monday 7th September and will follow our usual attendance procedures, including phone calls and home visits. Home learning on Teams will not be in use from September.

Home-school agreement

We will be asking all children and parents to sign an updated home-school agreement on the first day back. This will form part of an addendum to our existing school behaviour policy. The agreement can be found on our website here: <https://www.princessmay.hackney.sch.uk/parents/letters>

Breakfast and after-school clubs

We are carefully considering whether it is safe to operate these and will be in touch with you all in early September with our decision on this. We realise that many of you rely on these to ensure that you can attend work and will endeavour to offer these in some form where possible.

Free School Meals

Those children entitled to Free School Meals will continue to receive these at school in the usual way. All government vouchers will cease at the end of the summer holidays.

Summer provision

The school is utilising a number of external community organisations during the holidays to offer free activities to a number of our children. We will be in touch with you directly should your child be eligible.

Next steps

There is nothing further for parents and carers to do until **we all return on Monday 7th September**. Please do take careful note of start/finish times and entrance/exit gates. **Families new to the school will receive a separate letter with information on uniform and other arrangements.**

Finally, I would like to wish you all a restful and above all, safe summer holiday. We will be in touch with you again in early September, so please do check your text messages and emails to ensure you are kept informed of future developments.

Yours sincerely,

Kevin Reynolds
Headteacher