



Monday 1st June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: EYFS, Year 1 and Year 6 returning to school

Next week, from June 8th, we are welcoming back children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6.

We understand that your children may have a mixture of emotions about coming back to school after having two months away. We also know that the children may have some questions too. **This Welcome Back Information Pack will give you the opportunity to talk to your children about their return to school. Please take the time to read it and share the contents with them.**

At the end of this information pack, there are some activities that you may want to print off and complete with your children. Your children can then bring these in to show their teacher if you would like them to.

Thank you & best wishes,

Mr. E. Gaibee
Headteacher



Welcome Back to Featherstone Primary School

When am I going back to school?

Children in Reception are going back to school from Monday 8th June 2020.

Children in Year One are going back to school from Wednesday 10th June 2020. Reception will have already started.

Children in Year Six are going back to school from Friday 12th June 2020. Reception and Year One will have already started.

Then, from Monday 15th June 2020, all three of these year groups will be back at school together.

What time does school start?

Children in Reception can be dropped off from 9.00 – 9.15. School starts at 9.15.

Children in Year One can be dropped off from 9.15 – 9.30. School starts at 9.30.

Children in Year Six can be dropped off at 9.30 and then their lessons will start at this time.

If you have siblings in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6, please drop them all off at school at the same time (at the earliest time slot). For example, if you have a child in Year 1 and Year 6, please drop them both off in between 9.15 and 9.30.

What time does school end?

Children in Reception can be picked up from 1.30 – 1.45. School ends at 1.45.

Children in Year One can be picked up from 1.45 – 2.00. School ends at 2.00.

Children in Year Six can be picked up at 2.00 and this is when their school day finishes.

If you have siblings in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6, please collect them all from school at the same time (at the earliest time slot). For example, if you have a child in Reception and Year 1, please come to collect them both between 1.30 and 1.45.

Who will be my teacher?

Teachers will be in contact with families later on in the week. Here are the teachers who will be teaching the different year groups:

Reception	Year One	Year Six
Mr. Gravell Miss. Portman Miss. Joiner Mrs. Harrington	Mrs. Cozens Miss. Cresswell Miss. Hughes Miss. Lacey	Mr. Silvester Miss. Williams Miss. Whitehouse

What kind of things will I be learning?

Your teachers will see where you are at in your learning. There will be some English lessons (Reading and Writing), some Maths lessons and some Healthy Mind, Healthy Body lessons. As always, your teachers will make the lessons as exciting as possible!

What will my class be like?

You will be in a small group of children. There will be 10 – 15 children in your class.

Do I need to bring anything to school with me?

When school re-opens, you might want to bring some things with you. Here is a list of things you might need:

- A bag/backpack to put everything in.
- Hand gel (with your name on).
- Water bottle (with your name on).
- A pencil case with pens and pencils in it. In school, we will have all of the usual stationery you would need, and you will have your own plastic pack to put these in. But you can bring your own if you prefer.
- A packed lunch if you are not having a school dinner.

Please wear your full school uniform. If you want to, you can wear a mask and gloves to and from school but you don't need to wear these in school.

Please do not bring anything in from home that you do not need to. We are working really hard in school to keep things very clean.

Will we have to social distance from other people?

Yes. In order to keep everybody safe, we will have to social distance in the school. This will include:

- At the start of the school day: your parent and you will be asked to stand in a line (there will be marks on the floor) ready to come into the school building. This will be a bit like when you go to the supermarket and you have to wait before being let in.
- In the classrooms: you will have your own desk that is not right next to anybody else's and you will have your own equipment to use (remember that you can bring your own pens and pencils if you want).
- In the playground: your small class will have their own section of the playground to play in away from other groups of children.
- In the corridors: the school has arrows that you need to follow. You will walk around school on the left-hand side.
- At dinnertime: you will queue for dinner as normal in a line. There will be marks on the floor so that you are not too close to other children.
- At hometime: your parent and you will be asked to stand in a line (there will be marks on the floor or fences) ready for you to be collected.

This seems like a lot of worrying information about social distancing. Please try not to worry about it. Your teachers will help you and remind you so that you social distance safely.

What will playtime look like?

We know that playtimes and time on the playground are a really fun time for you and we don't want to take this away. However, there will be some changes to playtimes that you must follow:

- You will have to wash your hands before you go out to playtime.
- The playground will be split up into different sections or 'zones.' Your teacher will tell you where you can go and where you can't go. It is very important that you listen to your teacher.

- You will only be allowed to play with the children in your group (these are the same children who are in your class).
- There will be no equipment or toys for you to play with.
- You will not be allowed to play games that involve touching i.e. tig and tag.
- You will have to wash your hands after playtime.

Your teachers will help you to remember all of these new playtime rules.

Will I have to keep my hands nice and clean?

Yes. We have had hand sanitisers installed all around school for you to use. There are also hand sanitizer pumps in every classroom. You will also be washing your hands a lot too (always use soap and warm water for at least twenty seconds):

- After you go to the toilet.
- Before playtime and before lunchtime.
- After playtime and after lunchtime.
- Before you eat and after you eat.
- After you sneeze or cough into your hands (always try to sneeze or cough into a tissue or your sleeve).

Again, please don't worry about this information – we know it is a lot. Your teachers will help you.

How are you feeling?

It is very normal to have a lot of mixed feelings inside you about coming to school. You might be feeling any number of these:

*Cheerful Happy Bored Confused Frustrated Excited Uncomfortable Fantastic
Worried Relieved Overwhelmed Confused Tense Angry Upset Sad*

Feelings like these are perfectly normal to feel. Your teachers will help you to manage these feelings as part of the work that you do in Healthy Mind, Healthy Body.

My 'Going Back to School' story

In the middle of March 2020, all of the UK schools were asked to close, to try and keep as many children and families as safe as possible from the spread of a virus called Coronavirus.

At this time, I was in Year __, and my class teacher was _____.

When I found out that the schools were going to close, I felt _____

because _____.

Here draw a picture of how that made you feel:

I am sure a lot of children at this time were feeling the same, and this is okay as it was a very strange time.

My favourite thing we did in this break from school was

_____, and I

can't wait to tell my teacher and friends about what we were doing.

Draw a picture of what you have been doing during your time away from school:

Now we have been told that schools are going to start to open again. The date I will be going back to school is _____.

This might mean a lot of change for me. For example:

1. The time I have to wake up. When I go back to school I will need to wake up at _____.
2. Getting ready for school. When I go back to school I will need to get these things ready (e.g. having a shower, eat breakfast, brushing teeth, get dressed, pack my schoolbag).

What I need to do	Time I have to do it