

24 February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following Monday night's announcements by the Prime Minister, we are delighted to be welcoming back all pupils on Monday 8 March 2021.

In order to continue to make the school as COVID safe as possible, we will be following the same timetables that we had in place in December 2020. That means that children will continue to work in 'bubbles' with staggered play and lunchtimes. Drop off and pick-up times will also be as they were before lockdown using the same entrances into the school. This means your child should arrive and be collected at the following times:

Year Group	Entrance Location	Time
Nursery	Nursery gate	Dependant on Hours
Reception	Main Gate Somerset Road	9.00am
Year 1	Service Gate Somerset Road	8.30 am
Year 2	Service Gate Somerset Road	8.50 am
Year 3	Rear School Entrance Upper Grosvenor Road	8.30 am
Year 4	Rear School Entrance Upper Grosvenor Road	8.50 am
Year 5	Double gates near dining hall (Near the entrance to the Rec)	8.50 am
Year 6	Double gates near dining hall (Near the entrance to the Rec)	8.30 am

Year Group	Exit Location	Time
Nursery	Nursery gate	Dependant on hours
Reception	Main Gate Somerset Road	3.20pm
Year 1	Service Gate Somerset Road	3.00pm
Year 2	Service Gate Somerset Road	3.20pm
Year 3	Rear School Entrance Upper Grosvenor Road	3.00pm
Year 4	Rear School Entrance Upper Grosvenor Road	3.20pm
Year 5	Double gates near dining hall (Near the entrance to the Rec)	3.20pm
Year 6	Double gates near dining hall (Near the entrance to the Rec)	3.00pm

In the lead up to the return of all pupils, parents' meetings with teachers are taking place in the coming days. If you have any concerns about your child's return to school, or you wish to share any particular areas of their learning that they have found challenging during home schooling, this is an ideal opportunity to share those with the class teacher. From Monday 8 March 2021, remote learning will stop unless your child has to isolate, or quarantine having returned from another country.

We greatly look forward to seeing you all very soon and want to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and hard work through this lockdown. It has not been an easy period for anyone and you have all done incredibly well. We have thoroughly enjoyed receiving everything that has been achieved at home in this time and eagerly await the return of the pupils.

Further information about how we will be prioritising work and the government's 'catch up' funding can be found on the school's website or by following the link below.

[Portswood-Primary-School-COVID-19-Catch-Up-Premium-Report.pdf](#)

Yours sincerely,



Tony Head
Principal