



# Athersley North Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

The start of the new term is fast approaching and we are very much looking forward to welcoming all our pupils back to school.

We are sure that you have lots of questions regarding the new school year and the changes we have made following the ease of COVID restrictions.

We will try to provide answers in this letter but if there is anything else you need to know, please text or email the school prior to the beginning of the new term and we will try our best to respond to you as quickly as possible.

## **The first day back at school for all pupils will be Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021.**

This includes all new pupils, including those starting full time in Reception and part time in Nursery.

## **School timetable**

### Foundation Stage 1 - Nursery (3-4 years old) – Pupils entitled to 15 hours provision

The morning session for pupils commences at 8:30am.

Parents are welcome to stay and play for 15 minutes with their child until 8.45am.

The morning teaching session ends at 11:30am.

### Foundation Stage 1 – Nursery (3-4 years old) - Pupils entitled to 30 hours provision

The morning session for pupils commences at 8:30am.

Parents are welcome to stay and play for 15 minutes with their child until 8.45am.

The morning teaching session ends at 11:30am.

Lunchtime is between 11:30am - 12:20pm.

The afternoon teaching session commences at 12:20pm.

The afternoon teaching session ends at 3.20pm.

### Foundation Stage 2 – Reception (4-5 years old) – Classes FS2A & FS2B

The school day for pupils commences at 8.50am.

Classroom door opens at 8:45am for pupils to start morning tasks.

The afternoon teaching session ends at 3.20pm.

### Key Stage 1 & 2 – Pupils in Year 1 to Year 6 – Class 1A to Class 9

The school day for pupils commences at 8.50am.

Classroom doors open at 8:45am for pupils to start morning tasks.

There is a 15 minute break during the morning session for all pupils from Year 1 to Year 6 and another break at point convenient for the class again during the day.

The afternoon teaching session ends for all pupils at 3.20pm.



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Please ensure that your children arrive to school on time and ready to learn. Pupils who arrive at school after the classroom doors have closed must enter via the main school reception and will be signed in as late. When a child continuously shows up late to class, other pupils are distracted and attention is drawn away from the teacher and toward the child who has just arrived. Pupils who arrive late can often experience difficulty settling in and some children can find this quite upsetting. Please do your best to ensure that your child always arrives at school on time.

## **Safety and Security**

Due to ongoing issues with the school car park, the school has now had an entrance barrier fitted to the school drive. With immediate effect only staff or authorised personnel will be able to access the school car park. If you do use a vehicle to bring or collect your child from school please ensure that you drop them off or park with consideration for other parents and pupils.

Vehicles must never be parked on the red tarmac outside of the school gates, as this dangerously reduces the visibility for other motorists and for parents and pupils crossing the road. Due to a number of serious incidents outside the school gates the Local Authority will be increasing the amount of patrols undertaken by enforcement officers and action will be taken against any individual whose driving/parking is causing an obstruction/disruption or is a risk to others.

## **COVID Restrictions**

Pupils will no longer be taught in class 'bubbles' and will once again be able to move around the school freely, accessing the ICT suite, library and the school hall for lunchtime and PE.

We will no longer require Parents to wear a face mask on school premises. However, you are welcome to continue to wear a face mask if you wish to do so. Staff will no longer be wearing face masks in the communal areas of the school.

The one way system for dropping off and collecting children is no longer in use although we do ask parents to avoid gathering in groups on school premises.

The strict regime of handwashing in school will remain. Good hand hygiene not only reduces the spread of COVID it can reduce other cases of respiratory diseases by 20%, and diarrhoea by 30% as well as preventing the spread of other viral illnesses such as cold and flu.

Should there be a substantial increase in the number of positive cases in school, it may be necessary to temporarily reintroduce some control measures. If this is deemed necessary, parents will be given sufficient notice either by text or email.



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## Payments for School Services - ParentPay

We wrote to all parents at the end of the summer term to advise them that we are no longer able to accept payments in cash for any services. This includes dinner money, extended school services, water bottles, book bags or school trips.

All parents will need to set up a ParentPay account in order to pay for any services provided by the school. Please email or text the school office if you have any queries about this facility.

## Extended School Services (Breakfast Café and After School Club)

We are very happy to announce that our before and after school clubs are back!

**Breakfast Café** will re-open at 7.45am on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021. **The cost per pupil per day is still only £1.50** which includes childcare and a nutritious breakfast of cereals, toast, porridge and fruit. Parents can drop their children off at any time between 7.45am and 8.30am via the Hall doors. Pupils will be escorted to class at 8.45am by a member of the Breakfast Café Team.

Although pupils do not need to be booked into Breakfast Café in advance, they must have enough credit on their ParentPay account to pay for the café on the day they attend.

**After School Club** is a fantastic resource for working parents, those with less flexible work patterns or studying parents. It is an extremely low-cost childcare option at only **£1 for 30 minutes (£2 per hour)** per child. We are able to offer completely flexible options that fit around your childcare needs.

This year we are offering new, exciting and enjoyable activities led by our team of Higher Level Teaching Assistants who are friendly, caring and are an experienced play team. Our After School club is a fantastic affordable option for your childcare needs where your children can enjoy themselves and relax after the school day.

We are anticipating a high demand for places this year so pupils will need to be booked into the After School Club in advance and they must have enough credit on their ParentPay account to pay for the club on the day they attend. Unfortunately without prior payment, pupils will not be able to attend.

There will be different activities each night of the week.

Mondays – Arts & Crafts

Tuesdays – Movie Night

Wednesdays – Mid Week Munch Club

Thursdays – Team Sports

Fridays – Dance into the Weekend



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## School Uniform

All pupils from Reception to Year 6 are expected to come to school each day in appropriate uniform. Full details can be found on the school website. Please click this link: [School Uniform – Athersley North \(athersleynorthprimary.co.uk\)](http://www.athersleynorthprimary.co.uk) Please remember that extreme hairstyles, including shaving or hair dye not of a natural colour are not acceptable.

## PE Kits

As restrictions have now eased, pupils no longer need to come to school in their PE kits on PE days. Please ensure that your child brings their kit to school on the days that they are timetabled to have PE. Information regarding PE kits and class PE days can be found on the school website. Please click this link: [Class PE Days – Athersley North \(athersleynorthprimary.co.uk\)](http://www.athersleynorthprimary.co.uk)

## Lunchtimes

School lunchtime provision will be back to normal in September. A full menu will once again be offered and pupils will go back to eating in the school hall. The menu is available on the school website: [New Lunch Menu – Athersley North \(athersleynorthprimary.co.uk\)](http://www.athersleynorthprimary.co.uk)

Parent for school lunches will now need to be made via the new ParentPay system as the school is no longer able to take any payments in cash.

Children are able to bring a packed lunch to school if they would prefer to do so. Change for Life offer excellent suggestions on what to include in a healthy lunchbox. Please click this link for further information: [Lunchbox Ideas | Recipes | Change4Life \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

## Medical Appointments

Please remember that medical appointments for your child should always be arranged for outside of school hours. Pupils arriving late or leaving early cause disruption to not only their own learning but to the other pupils in their class.

If appointments during the school day are unavoidable, please collect your child from the school office. Medical evidence will be requested for all appointments taking place during school hours.

## Medicines

In most circumstances the school will only administer prescription medicines, not cough medicine or Calpol and **only if a pupil requires medication in order to continue attending school**. If medication is required to be administered 3 times a day then, other than in exceptional circumstances, this should be given at home outside of school hours.

If your child requires medication to be administered at school, you will need to sign the medicine into the care of the school with detailed prescription instructions. This can be done at the classroom door.



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## Discussions with Class Teachers

If you have a question or a concern about your child at school whether it's in relation to their education, their friendships or just a general enquiry, the quickest way to resolve these queries is by speaking to your child's class teacher as they know your child best.

The best time to speak to your child's teacher is at the end of the school day. It is not advisable to have lengthy discussions at the classroom door so if you would like to have a chat with your child's teacher, please ask them to give you a call at a mutually convenient time or, if necessary, a face to face meeting can be arranged. This will prevent the conversation being overheard by other parents and will ensure that your query or concern is given the appropriate amount of time and attention in order that it is resolved satisfactorily.

Please remember that we are only able to hold discussions regarding your child with adults who have parental responsibility.

## Celebrations

We are now able to once again accept birthday treats from parents. We are only to accept treats that are suitable for vegetarians so that all children can be included. No home baking products are allowed for both health and hygiene reasons. If you do not wish your child to participate and accept treats provided by other pupils, please advise the school office.

## Head Lice

We will resume half termly head lice checks in September. If you have already given permission for your child to have their hair checked, you do not need to do anything. New parents will be contacted and permission requested. If you want to change your decision regarding the checks for your child, please contact the school office.

## Drinking Water

Pupils are encouraged to bring their own water bottles to school and to drink regularly to prevent dehydration. If your child forgets to bring a water bottle, they will be provided with a disposable plastic cup and fresh drinking water. Bottles brought into school from home must only contain water. Squash, fizzy drinks or other liquids are not acceptable.

**Hopefully the information we have provided in this letter answers many of the questions you will have regarding your child's return to school in September. If you have any further queries, please email/text the school and we will try our best to respond to you as quickly as possible.**

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Storr & Miss Wordsworth  
Head teachers