



# Park View Community School

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## Friday Flyer

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### Welcome Back

Happy New Year! What a start to 2021! We had been hoping that things would *begin* to return to normal in this new year and we are as disappointed as you that we are not operating school in the same way as we were between September and Christmas. Whilst there are many opinions in the papers and on social media that school closures are an extended holiday for staff and pupils, we want to reassure you that this is not the case. At present we are open to children of 'key workers' and those who have other specific needs. The criteria for who we can allow into school during lockdown is determined by the government. Schools must follow the guidelines to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

We understand that for children and families too, that home learning is not a holiday and that having children at home with you (especially when you may be working from home too), can be very difficult. It is far from a holiday for most and staff are working twice as hard delivering lessons to those in school, delivering Zoom calls to the children at home, uploading and marking work on the website for those at home and making check-in calls. However, staff are happy to give home learners as much support as possible. If you are struggling with anything, please email your child's class teacher. Each class has its own email address which is the class name followed by [@parkview.manchester.sch.uk](mailto:@parkview.manchester.sch.uk). For example to contact Miss Lynch's it would be [3V@parkview.manchester.sch.uk](mailto:3V@parkview.manchester.sch.uk)

### Updates

We will do our best to update you as quickly as possible if anything changes. We will send emails and smartphone messages to parents/carers and post information on class pages and on the COVID page on the website. To access the COVID page, click the blue button that says COVID which can be found on the bar at the top of the website (between the 'contact' and 'storytime' buttons).

## **Your Responsibilities**

From a Health and Safety point of view, please DO NOT come onto the school premises if you or your child has a new continuous cough, a high temperature or a change to or loss of sense of smell or taste. If you have any ONE of these symptoms, isolate at home and take a COVID test, then isolate until your results come back. If your results are negative and you/your child has not had symptoms for 48 hours, then you can bring your child back to school.

To protect others: adults must wear a mask as soon as they come onto the school premises. This means outside too. Please stay 2m away from other families and staff when dropping children off. Do not enter school unless it is absolutely necessary - most general queries can be dealt with on the phone or via email

to [admin@parkview.manchester.sch.uk](mailto:admin@parkview.manchester.sch.uk)

If your child is learning at home, it is your responsibility to help him/her engage with the online learning. It helps if children are up and about in the morning at roughly the same time they would be as if they were coming to school. Start the day with breakfast and some exercise and then work to a timetable with breaks between each learning session.

If you are struggling with access to the internet, please email the office staff. If you have a specific question about your child's learning, you can direct those questions to your child's class teacher using the class email.

## **Safety**

To reassure parents whose children are in school, we are constantly reviewing our risk assessment and based on the most recent guidelines from the government. We know that the infection rates are rising across the country and we agree that limiting numbers of children to school will help to slow down the transmission of the virus. This is why our class size is 10 children maximum (for key workers and those with specific needs). We are still keeping children separate at playtimes and lunchtimes and have no whole school gatherings in the hall. There is routine hand washing throughout the day and hand sanitizers in each classroom. Children's temperatures are taken on arrival and any child with a temperature is isolated and sent home. Additional cleaning takes place throughout the day with ongoing cleaning of surfaces, handrails, door panels and toilets.