



# PARK HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

It has been a fantastic week! To welcome all the staff and children back to school has been brilliant. I have been impressed how seamless they've settled back into 'school life' and back to the business of learning and having fun.

It has felt surprisingly 'normal' in school. The curriculum evening held on Wednesday appeared well attended and I hope that you found the recorded material and live question and answer session useful information. It is something new that we've tried and hope to try something like this again in the future.

World Book Day 2021 appeared to be great success too. The children looked fabulous in their costumes and enjoyed the activities that were planned by the staff. A special thank you to Mrs Petros for coordinating the event - encouraging and developing a 'love of reading' across the school community.

## **Bubble Closures**

I had not anticipated that this would happen so quickly. Regrettably, Oaks and Acorns (Preschool) was closed on Wednesday. The Local Authority have made it clear that they expect schools to follow a process. In the eventuality of any positive Covid case, an entire 'Bubble' (usually the whole class) should be sent home. In most cases, the children and staff within that bubble will be asked to self-isolate.

It is a reminder to us all that we remain in an uncertain time and that we must not become complacent or consider that the Covid pandemic is over - it is not!

We look forward to welcoming our Preschool children back Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March.

## **Covid Test**

I would like to share other guidance issued by the Government. If your child is unwell, in most cases, parents are being asked to ensure that a PCR test takes places. Whilst the results of that test remain unknown, the child and family (those within the household) should self-isolate.

## **Parking**

Whilst the flow of parents and children has appeared calm and social distant compliant at the beginning and end of the day, parking has caused a big debate with residents. I have not ever received so many complaints from our residents and this has been an unnecessary distraction over the course of the week.

Can I urge, encourage and ask those of you who drive to school on a morning or evening to park considerately please. It should not be the business of the school to monitor parking etiquette nor respond to irate residents. It would be awful if poor parking lead to an accident - especially involving a child!

### **Catch up funding**

I noticed at the curriculum evening that a couple of parents were keen to know more about what the school intends to do with additional funding that the government is providing to schools.

Information relating to additional money is still working its way from central Government to schools. Early indications are that it is a relatively small amount of additional money. Nevertheless, we will provide a summary and update you all when more details are known. As a leadership team, we have already had some discussions and shared ideas that we feel will support the children at Park Hill.

It has been a great week! It has been good to see you all. Thank you.

Continue to keep safe.

Kind regards,

**Mr P Griffin**  
**Headteacher**  
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