



# SEPTEMBER PLANS

A guide for parents.

Everybody Excelling. Every Day. No Excuses!

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## September Opening for Randal Cremer

The Government has made their position on schools re-opening in September clear:

“We are asking schools to prepare for all pupils to return full-time from the start of the autumn term, including those in school-based nurseries.”

We know that there will still be anxiety around returning to school and in this document we will explain all the safety measures we have put in place.

We hope this goes some way to answering your questions—but there will be opportunities for you to visit the school, take part in on line meetings and speak to myself

BACK TO SCHOOL WISDOM:

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“YOU’RE OFF TO GREAT PLACES.  
TODAY IS YOUR DAY!  
YOUR MOUNTAIN IS WAITING,  
SO GET ON YOUR WAY!”

DR. SEUSS

## Term Dates:

New Year 6 Summer School—Weds 26th, Thursday 27th and Friday 28th August 9.30am—2.30pm

School opens for all staff: Wednesday 2nd September

School Tours—Friday 4th September.

School opens for all children: Monday 7th September.

EYFS: We will be open to children from the 7th.

## I. Prevention

- A. If a member of staff, pupil, parent or any other adult show symptoms of Coronavirus or they have tested positive within the last 7 days, **they are not to attend school.**
- B. Parents or staff members must arrange an immediate test for Covid 19. The school can help with booking a test if needed. If the test is negative, the child or adult may return to school. If it is positive, they must isolate at home for 7 days and members of their household for 14 days.
- C. There is a stock of PPE in school which will be used if a child develops symptoms at school.



- D. If you have travelled abroad and now need to quarantine, you must inform the school as soon as possible.

## 2. Physical Distancing:

Why Prides? We prefer this term to the ‘Bubbles’ the Government has been using. We feel ‘Bubbles’ are temporary, they can pop, and they can float away. ‘Prides’ however is the term used to describe groups of lions—they stay in their groups, they are brave and they work together. We have made the decision to keep our Prides as

small as possible so have decided to keep 4 classes in Year 1 and 2, 4 in Year 3 and 4 and 4 in Year 5 and 6. There will be 1 Pride in Reception and Nursery will be one pride in the Autumn Term while numbers are low. Your children will not be able to leave their Pride—even at play times and the playgrounds will be divided into 2 to make this possible.

Teachers and Support Staff will also remain with their Prides—this is why if you can collect your children on a Friday afternoon—teachers will be able to take time away from class to plan and prepare for the next week.

**Physical Distancing in the classroom**— we know that children find it difficult to remain physically distanced from one another. We have set classrooms up in Yr 2 to Yr 6 in rows with one child per table. In Year 1 and EYFS this is unreasonable—children will still be able to play with their friends and equipment will be rotated so that it can be cleaned each day. The outdoor areas have been timetabled to allow only two Prides at a time to be outside.

**Physical Distancing around school**—We have introduced a one way system throughout the school—this will stop Prides having to cross over each other.

**Physical Distancing in the Playgrounds**— We have timetabled it carefully so that only 2 Prides are in each playground at a time. They will be kept separate by the dividing barriers across the playground.

## 2. Hygiene

**Cleaning**— we have invested in sanitisers and these are positioned across the school. Soap and water is available in all classrooms and toilets. In KS2 children will be given their own disinfectant wipes and will be expected to keep their own tables and equipment clean. In KS1 and EYFS additional cleaners will regularly wipe down equipment, tables, and points of contact. Additional cleaning will also take place in toilets. We have bought a special safe disinfectant that protects surfaces for 24 hours and this will be used on outside equipment.

All children in Yr 2 to 6 will be given their own equipment pack which must remain in school.

Please support us by using the same personal hygiene measures at home.

### **3. Extended Child-Care:**

Breakfast Club—from 8am. Children will enter the Dining Hall through the Car Park Entrance. They must sit on the table allocated to their Pride only.

**Cost £1.50 per day**

4.30pm Club—(Monday to Thursday only)

Children may remain in school until 4.30pm to complete home learning, reading, art or independent research. This will be in their Prides.

**Cost £2.00 per day.**

Play-centre (Monday to Thursday 4.30-6pm) —parents requiring childcare after 4.30pm can use the Play Centre. This will be organised by

Year 4—6 in Top Hall,

EYFS & KS1—Downstair’s Hall.

On a Friday Play Centre is from 3.30-6pm.

**Cost £5.00 per day\*. Children must be collected by 6pm.**

**\* £7.00 for Friday.**

**All of the above must be pre-booked and pre-paid for. If children are not on the list—they are expected to be collected at the time allocated on the timetable.**

**4. Curriculum**—we will be adapting our curriculum to ensure that children’s Personal & Social Well-being is at the heart. There will be a daily 30 minute PE lesson focussed on fitness. Reading, Writing and Maths will be taught whole class in the Autumn Term. We will be supporting children to re-learn good behaviour for learning before we start any academic catch up. At the end of the first half term we will be assessing children’s academic knowledge and will then ensure any gaps in their learning are addressed. There will be a focus on music , art and science and building relationships with one another. Children will not need to bring book bags in the Autumn term. There will be no whole school assemblies in the Autumn term.

**5. Behaviour**—**we cannot wait to have our children back in school and know that most of them understand the school’s values.** We know that some children are going to find it more difficult to settle back into the routines than others but children will be expected to follow the physical distancing rules and our school values. Due to the safety measures, children who are not following the guidelines cannot be removed to another class. Instead, they will be sent to a member of the Senior Leadership Team who will talk with them about what is getting in the way of them learning. If a child is unable to regulate their behaviour and this is putting the safety of other staff and children at risk, we will contact their parents or carers and ask for them to be collected from school.

### **6. Timetables-**

**To reduce the risk of different prides crossing over, there will be a staggered start and finish to the school day.**

**If you have children in more than one year group—they may all come in together and the oldest child will collect their siblings at the end of the day.**

Year Group	Timings	Entrance/Exit
Nursery	Start—9am End— 3pm	Car Park Entrance
Reception	Start 8.45am End—3pm	Car Park Entrance
Year 1 Whitechapel	Start—9am End—3.15pm	Car Park Entrance
Year 1 Dalston Junction	Start—9am End—3.15pm	Large Gate in Front Playground (Pearson Street)
Year 2	Start—9am End—3.15pm	Side Gate on Ormsby Street
Year 3 & 4	Start—8.45am End—3pm	Large Gate in Front Playground then Front Door
Year 5 & 6	Start—8.30am End—2.45pm	Large Gate in Front Playground

**Fridays only:**

**If you are able to—please collect your child EYFS—12pm, Year 1 to 3—12.15pm, Year 4 to 6—12.30pm. Please let the school know if you are unable to collect. Children will have work set for them to complete at home.**

## **7. Lunch Times—**

School lunches will be provided as usual. EYFS will eat their lunch in the Dining Hall in their Prides. All other children will eat their lunch in their classroom. On a Friday—children entitled to Free School Meals who are being collected will receive a packed lunch to take home. Don't forget to apply for Free School Meals what ever class your child is in. If you pay for school meals the cost will remain at £2.00 per day until the end of the Autumn term. This must be paid for on-line and in advance. There will be no further Free School Meal Vouchers or hampers after Wednesday 2nd September.

We know that children have got into the habit of snacking more often. They may bring a healthy snack for break times—fruit, carrot or cucumber sticks, raisins but no other snacks are allowed.

Packed Lunches—there had been a massive improvement in the packed lunches children were bringing into school with lots of really healthy options. We hope this continues in the Autumn term.

**All children—**must bring a clearly labelled water bottle to school as the fountains cannot be used at the present time. This will be kept on their desks.

**8. School Uniform—** As we are having daily PE lessons, the uniform in the Autumn term will be relaxed. Children should wear trainers, (of any colour), black or grey jogging bottoms, navy blue or white T Shirt, Polo Shirt or Shirt, Navy Blue jumper or Sweat Shirt. You may still wear the school sweat shirt if you prefer but it is important that clothes are washed daily. Children in Year 6 may wear red T shirts, Polo Shirts or Shirts. They will receive a red sweat shirt but there will be no ties this year. Children should bring coats suitable for the weather conditions and these will be kept on the back of their chairs. Long hair must be washed regularly and tied back off the face. Small sleeper or stud ear-rings are permitted but no other jewellery is permitted in school.

Children may wear plain white or black head scarves but these must be washed daily.

**Toys, Teddies and Blankets:** We recognise that for some children, there will be additional anxiety at returning to school. Children in EYFS or Year 1 may have particular toys or teddies that they use to self soothe when they are anxious—they may bring them but they must be in a clearly marked shoe box that can be stored safely in the classroom. Older children with Special Educational Needs may be allowed to bring similar items but should first get clearance from their teacher.

**Mobile Phones:** children are not permitted to bring mobile phones to school until further notice. If your child is in Year 5 or 6 and goes home alone, they will need to ring you once they get indoors.



## Check List for Parents:

Have you informed the school if you have travelled abroad and need to quarantine?	
Do you need to pre-book Breakfast Club, the 4.30 Club and/or Play Centre?	
Do you know the start and finish time for your children?	
Do you know which entrance your child should use?	
Are you able to collect your child early on a Friday?	
Do you have a water bottle that your child can bring to school?	
Have you talked to your child about the need to follow the physical distancing and personal hygiene rules in school?	
Does your child have enough T Shirts, polo shirts, jumpers etc. to be washed regularly?	
Do you know which class your child is in next year?	
Do you know who their teacher is?	
Do you know which date children return to school?	

Contact:

If you have any questions about any of the above please email:

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You can also leave a message on the school phone and someone will ring you back: 0207 739 8162.

There will be 4 school tours on Friday 4th September at 9.30am, 11am, 1pm and 2.30pm. These must be pre-booked as numbers are restricted. Parents will be expected to use the hand sanitiser on entering the building and also to wear a face mask during the tour.

Jo will also be setting up a Zoom call for parents who have questions about the re-opening on Wednesday 26th August at either 11am or 6pm.