



# **PRIMARY 3, 4, 5 AND 6 RE- OPENING PLANS**

*SUBJECT TO CHANGE IF DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
ISSUE UPDATED GUIDANCE.*

**Guidance correct at 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2020**

Given the most recent guidance from the Department, we will **be unable to open school at full capacity in the new school year.** The current restriction of distancing children 1m from each other and 2m from the class teacher means that we will only be able to return most of our classes on a part-time basis for face-to-face teaching, with home/remote learning taking place for the rest of the week.

This is not ideal! All staff at VPS want the children back in school full time, however, we must work within the guidance given to us from the Department of Education.

#### **UPDATED INFORMATION AS OF 23<sup>RD</sup> JULY 2020**

- The school canteen will be providing a hot meal menu from Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020. This will be a limited menu and food will be delivered to children in their classrooms. All school lunches must be ordered and paid for on a Monday / Thursday morning depending on the coloured group your child is in. School lunches cost £2.60 per day.

The following pages gives you more details about how we will operate a return.

#### **INFORMATION FOR PUPILS GOING INTO PRIMARY 3 – 6**

- All pupils in P3 – P6 will return to school **(virtually)** on the week beginning Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August. Revision work will be uploaded onto the school website on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August from 12pm, for the next week. Please remember your child's Literacy and Numeracy group from this year's online learning.
- Due to the Department of Education requesting that schools ensure children remain 1m apart when at school, we are unable to bring all children back on a full time basis. Children will be split into 2 groups: **YELLOW GROUP** and **GREEN GROUP**. **THIS WILL BEGIN ON MONDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST.**
- **YELLOW GROUP** will attend school on Monday and Tuesday and work from home on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.
- **GREEN GROUP** will work from home on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and will attend school on a Thursday and Friday.

- A member of school staff will contact you to let you know what coloured group your child is in. This will take place, via text message, during July.
- We will ensure that siblings attend school on the same days.
- We have been advised to stagger the arrival times and leaving times of pupils so that it is possible to observe social distancing. As a result, the following arrival times and finishing times will apply, daily, from the week beginning Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020. Staff will be on the playground to direct you to the correct entrances....so don't panic. We will also make sure that younger children find their correct classroom.

### **SCHOOL ARRIVAL**

#### **9:00am – 9:10am – following year groups and siblings**

P7 – Main entrance (Mrs Ritchie's office)

P5 – Entrance from back playground (same as last year)

P3 – Side door. (Just past Mrs Ritchie's office on the left hand side)

#### **9:15am – 9:25am – following year groups and siblings**

P6 – Main entrance (Mrs Ritchie's office)

P4 – Entrance from back playground (staff will be on hand to guide P4)

P2 – Side door. (Just past Mrs Ritchie's office on the left hand side)

### **LEAVING SCHOOL**

We will also need to operate a staggered leaving time. Children can be collected at the normal place, with parents waiting just outside the entrance to the main office / canteen.

2pm – P2

2:10pm – P3

2:20pm – P4

2:30pm – P5

2:40pm – P6

2.50pm – P7 (1pm on a Friday for P7 pupils)

- Children should wear their full school uniform when they return to school and they should try to come to school in a clean uniform each day. (As per advice from the department)
- Children not having a school lunch from the canteen will be required to bring a packed lunch to school, in a plastic / paper bag that can be disposed of each day. Please **do not** bring lunch boxes into school. The advice from the Department is that schools should limit the amount of items coming into school, from home, on a daily basis.
- Children should bring a full water bottle with them each day. This can be taken between home and school on a daily basis. There will be no facilities for refilling water bottles throughout the school day. Please refill at home each morning and send it into school with your child.
- On their first day, children should only bring into school the items they had been asked to provide – this list was enclosed in your child's school report. All of these items will be left in school and will not travel home with the child on a daily basis. **Please do not buy large pencil cases. Please only send your child into school with a plain plastic pencil case that can be easily wiped clean.**
- No school bags should be brought into school, **except for the first day.** We are unable to use school cloakrooms, as we cannot keep children 1m apart, there will be no space in the classrooms to store coats, lunches and school bags. Children will not be transporting items from school to home so a school bag will not be required, except for the first day. We will send home homework books etc on the first day. These homework books will remain at home.
- Children should bring in their PE kit on the first day of school and this will remain in school.

**I'm really sorry for bombarding you with so much information. I wanted to make sure that you had as much information as possible before the start of the Summer break.**

**If you have any questions about our restart, please continue to use SLIDO and the event code VictoriaFAQ during the summer holiday period and I will get back to you as soon as I can.**