

WEEKLY NEWS

From the Headteacher: 6th October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

A very warm welcome to our children, parents and staff to our permanent site on London Road! On Monday at 8:35am, the gates were opened and children walked their way into class.



After six years in temporary accommodation at Paxton Brigstock, we finally decamped and arrived in our glorious new spacious building on London Road.

What our staff have achieved in moving school buildings has been truly remarkable. Without stating the obvious, every single item (minus the junk!) has been dismantled from the old location and moved to the new location, unpacked and made ready within three days before the students arrived on Monday. Every detail requiring logistical planning, many hours of manpower and much muscle. A fresh, new start now awaits us on the other side.

Tours of school

On Monday all our children, in their respective school bubbles, were given a grand tour of school. Needless to say they were very excited about the vast amount of space and especially the panoramic views from the MUGA pitch, our fantastic multi-use games area on the second floor. We will also be doing tours for parents, more details to follow, and will be posting a school tour video onto our website.

The school day

A reminder that our school day starts **8.45am** (gates open 8.35am and close at 9.00am)
School finishes at **3.15pm** (gates open at 3.05pm).

Drop off and pick up locations

Thank you to all the parents, friends and family members who managed to drop off and pick up their children at the right entrance. As with any new building, there is always lots to learn and we apologise for any inconvenience this may cause but the safety of the children is paramount.

After a lot of thought and consideration, please can we request that Reception parents and children use the Grove Road entrance. This will provide a much smoother transition to the start and end of the school day.

London Road: small gate entrance Years 1 and 2

The Early Years entrance is to the side of reception. Children will need to be dropped off and picked up from the gate.

London Road: side entrance Years 3 and 4

Children will be lined up at the main reception area and taken up the stairs to their classrooms on the first floor. They will be dismissed from the main reception area at the end of the school day.

Grove Road entrance Reception, Years 5 and 6

Children will line up in front of the Grove Road gate and then be walked up the stairs in the morning and brought to the Grove Road exit with their teacher to be dismissed into the care of their parents/nominated adults.

Late drop off and pick up

At Paxton, we want to ensure that all of our children achieve their full potential. This means that they need to arrive on time each day.

Since joining Paxton, it has come to my attention that a very small number of children are not only arriving late in the morning, which means that they miss out on their learning, they are also being collected late.

As a school, we want to work in partnership with our families and provide a network of support where needed. We completely understand that from time to time, parents may arrive late but this should be a rare occasion.

As of Monday 12th October, children who are not collected before 3:30pm will be placed in Youngstars and parents will be required to pay £5 for the session.

If you are going to be late, please contact the school office before 2pm so that we can make arrangements to support you.

LUNCH TIMES

Pupils will remain in their allocated bubbles during lunch time. With fresh, nutritious meals being cooked on site each day, the new dining hall will provide the children with more time to eat and enjoy the whole experience:

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2: 11.45-12.45pm

(Eating lunch @ 11.45-12.15)

Year 3 and 4 – 3O, 3/4A and 4S : 12.30-1.30pm

(Eating lunch @ 12.30-1.00)

Year 5 and 6 : 12.45 -1.40pm

(Eating lunch @ 1.00-1.30)



Free School Meals

A gentle reminder that if you have **Are you entitled?** not yet managed to do so we are requesting that **ALL our parents check their entitlement to Free School Meals.** If parents receive any benefits, your children may qualify for a Free School Meal. To find out whether your child qualifies please go to <https://pps.lgfl.org.uk/>

A letter will go out this week with full details of how we can check your child's entitlement to Free School Meals on your behalf. A simple form will need to be completed giving us consent to do so. Please do take the time to read this as you may be missing out on a free, hot nutritious lunch for your child. By signing up for your Free School Meals you will also enable the school to claim Pupil Premium Funding from the government which can be used in school for the benefit of your child and others.

After School Care Provision: Youngstars

From Monday 5th October, Youngstars will be providing after school care provision at Paxton. We hope you have managed to log on and find out more about them.



Children from Reception to Year 6 will be able to join Youngstars and take part in a range of engaging activities each afternoon between 3:15pm and 5:30pm.

To find out more and take advantage of the introductory offer of just £5 per session, please click the link below <http://www.young-stars.co.uk/schools/> or call 07749 343116

Sports Attack Academy



**SPORTS
ATTACK
ACADEMY**

After the October half term, assuming there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19, we are looking forward to introducing After School Clubs. Coach Dre, from Sports Attack Academy, will be running a number of clubs starting on Monday 2nd November from 3:15pm until 4:30pm each night during the week.

Mondays: Multi sports –
in two separate bubbles as follows:
Years 1 + 2 and Years 3 + 4

Tuesdays: Multi sports
Years 5 + 6

Wednesdays: Football –
in two separate bubbles as follows:
Years 1 + 2 and Years 3+4

Thursdays: Paxton football team training

Fridays: Football
Years 5+6

Student contact details

Every year we require you to check and update contact information we hold about your child to ensure we have your most up to date details. This is very important as it means we can get hold of you (or nominated contact(s)) should an emergency situation arise. We request that parents provide three separate contact numbers, including their own.

We will be sending out hard copies of pupil data sheets with information we hold on your child. Please check the contents and make changes where necessary by inputting clearly any details that have changed on the sheet.

Please check and complete the pupil data sheet and return it to the school reception office by **Monday 12th October.** Even if you have made no changes, we require parents to date, sign and return the sheet as confirmation.