

# PORTISHEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Learning and achieving together

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Dear Parents and Carers

We have reached the end of the fourth week of our first term and I would just like to take a moment to thank you for your ongoing support, cooperation and goodwill as we navigate our way through this challenging time for everyone.

It has been my pleasure to take regular walks around the school and enjoy the sights and sounds of your children enjoying lessons, playtimes and lunchtimes. After the school being so quiet for so long to hear the laughter of children echoing across the marina is a real delight.

We have all been impressed by the way that the children have adapted to our full return and focussed on their learning in their classrooms with their new teachers and support staff. Already many have enjoyed curriculum Wow days and are really making the most of the social and academic benefits of school.

On Thursday we had our first Trust visit which looked at the teaching of writing in Key Stage 2 as well as the wellbeing approach we have taken to support children with the return to school. The partnership across the LSP is something that continues to go from strength to strength and these visits are a really important part of how we develop our practice.

We recognise that the changes to the school routine do present some communication challenges for both parents and staff. Effective partnership between home and school is an essential element of supporting our children to learn and thrive at school and so we are going to make some changes.

From Monday you will be able to email teachers directly using the year group email addresses, however it is important that this is used wisely and with good judgement otherwise we run the risk of diverting our staff from other key elements of their role that could compromise the quality of the provision that they are able to offer your children.

Please see a table below that sets out our communication expectations.

School Office	Class Teacher	SENDco	Headteacher
Medicines School admin and finance Clubs Changes to pick up arrangements (please be advised that these should be rare and in an emergency)	Only learning issues or wellbeing/friendship concerns	SEND issue Pupil Premium issue LAC issue EHCPs	Safeguarding concern Complaint that has been unresolved by a class teacher or phase leader

As a reminder the year group email addresses are listed below:-

earlyyears@portisheadprimary.co.uk  
yeargroup1@portisheadprimary.co.uk  
yeargroup2@portisheadprimary.co.uk  
yeargroup3@portisheadprimary.co.uk  
yeargroup4@portisheadprimary.co.uk  
yeargroup5@portisheadprimary.co.uk  
yeargroup6@portisheadprimary.co.uk

The school will answer any concerns within 5 working days but often much sooner.

Please also feel free to share any good news with us. We always pass on your positive feedback to our staff members.

We continue to update and develop our new website. This week we have added the PE timetable and school timetable to the Parent Zone tab for your reference.

As the weather begins to turn please help us by ensuring your children are dressed for the conditions. Jogging bottoms can be added to school sweatshirts to keep children warm in PE as the temperature drops. We would always recommend a coat on colder days, better to have it and not need it, than need it and not have it.

The school will continue to use Microsoft Teams to meet virtually and support any home learning if it becomes a necessity. All new classes have been set up and new user details have been sent out to Reception children and new joiners. Please ensure that your Teams logins work so that you are prepared to receive home learning in the event that we need to provide you with this.

Lastly I would like to formally welcome our Reception parents to full time education from Monday. Your children have been a pleasure to have in school over their transition period and I am sure they will enjoy being in class full-time.

Thanks to everyone who has sent in a kind message to the school and our staff for their hard work. It means a lot to us.

Kind Regards  
Richard Riordan  
Headteacher