

Archibald First School

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Dear Parents and Carers

We are so excited to be able to tell you a little more about what school and Year 1 will look like in September.

Following the recent government guidelines school will look slightly different to the way we would normal run. However, our focus will continue to be about having a happy, fun and stimulating place to learn.

Year 1 children will remain within a year group bubble. They will not mix with other year groups across the school community. However, they will have access to a range of indoor and outdoor learning opportunities that promote a broad and balanced curriculum. We will have a strong emphasis on reintegrating the children back into school life and building relationships. Our classrooms will have space for the children to learn and play to build on the Early Years environment.

Due to the current COVID19 situation and following guidelines we are putting in place a one-way system around the school grounds. This is for all of the children and their parents at drop off and pick up. Start and finish times of the school day will therefore need to be staggered in order to reduce the amount of people on site at any one time.

Below please find information about your child's staggered pick-up and drop-off times. We are also in the process of putting a video on the school website to help you navigate our new one-way system. You will find maps and other year group videos available on our school website too.

Year 1 children are asked to attend from **8:40-8:45am till 2:40-2:45pm.**

Year 1 Start Time is **8:40am-8:45am**

We ask that children are brought to school by one adult only. You need to enter through gate 1 (opposite the Year 1 and 2 entrance) where a member of KS1 staff will be there to meet and greet you before directing your child to their classroom. Unfortunately, no parents/carers are allowed into the classrooms.

Year 1 Finish Time is **2:40pm-2:45pm**

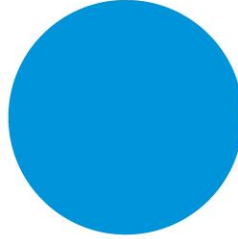
We ask that children are collected from school by one adult only. You need to enter through gates 1 (opposite the Year 1 and 2 entrance) where a member of KS1 staff will be preparing to send the children home. We will endeavour to make home time as quick as we possibly can.

On both occasions you need to exit the school grounds via the staff carpark. Please see the map available on the school website.

If you have more than one child at Archibald you will receive different start and end times. These have been carefully arranged so that you are able to drop the child with the earliest drop off time first and then follow the one-way system to drop any other children. Class teachers are aware there will be children arriving and leaving slightly earlier and later. Please be patient with us as we to get used to a new system. Each child will receive letter outlining their staggered times and entrances/exits.

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Year 1 children will have their lunch in the school hall supervised by lunch time staff. They will be able to have a school dinner or a home packed lunch. After lunch they will have time to play in the main school yard.

Please see our school website for videos showing you the entrances and explaining the procedures a little further. It might be useful to watch this with your child as well to reassure them about their return to school in September. If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

We thank you for your time and cooperation

Yours Sincerely

Miss White and Miss Turner

Year 1 Class Teachers

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