



Returning to school in September information and support

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What will Nether Edge look like in September?

What will be different?

Many things have changed in school to ensure we are meeting Government guidelines in relation to social distancing. Here is a look at some of things that are different:

- **Handwashing** – All children will be asked to wash their hands when they arrive at school and at various points throughout the day. Everything they need will be provided and they will be visiting the sinks in small groups or individually.
- **Classroom layouts** – The way classrooms look will be different for children. In Y1-Y6, the tables will be set out in rows facing the front, with spaces between them. Each child will have their own desk where they can keep their things. They will be able to see each other and their teachers at all times.
- **Playing outside** – During playtimes and lunchtimes, all children will still be able to spend time outside but the space will be separated. Play Zones have been introduced to ensure children can play safely within their year group but that as many children as possible can be outside at the same time. Play Zones will rotate weekly so everyone will get a chance to explore all areas of the playground, particularly the new Trim Trail!



What is staying the same?

Although some things are changing, many things are staying the same:

- **Time outside** – Although children might be playing and eating in different places, they will still have the same amount of time outside during the day as before. We are also ensuring we timetable extra time outside where possible.
- **School staff** – We have appointed a few new members of the school staff but all the familiar faces will still be here in September, all staff will be around to settle children back into school. All our lunchtime staff remain the same too so children will still see familiar faces when out of the classroom.
- **Routines and expectations** – We are working really hard behind the scenes to ensure all children return to Nether Edge feeling happy and confident. To support this, we are making sure all our school values, routines and expectations remain the same. Some of these include walking like champions, our school SHAPE and our Nether Edge 5. We are also complimenting these with aspects of our new Recovery Curriculum to give children the time they need to resettle into the classroom.

Look out for the next issue on Wednesday 26th August where we will be looking at what we are doing to support children during the first few weeks, including a look at some of our new Recovery Curriculum.

Wishing you well as always,

Miss Ahmed