

Lower Kersal Community Primary School

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February 2021 Update to Parents and Carers

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would normally be writing to you now to welcome you and your children back to a new half term. Unfortunately I am unable to do that at this time but wanted to provide you with an update. As per the Prime Minister's announcement yesterday we are re-opening to all pupils on **Monday 8th March 2021**. We will be returning to arrangements in place during the Autumn term – please see overleaf for more detail.

Since the school closures that commenced on 5th January 2021 we have focussed on providing pupil places for pupils of key workers and pupils identified as vulnerable as well as providing remote education to all other pupils. We have loaned out several devices to families who did not have access and where possible have provided internet support to identified families. We have tried to remain in contact with you and your children via phone calls and feedback on Google Classroom.

I would like to thank all parents and carers for their support during the school closure. I know that it is difficult to manage home schooling on top of all of your other commitments. I would also like to thank all of the teachers for producing such high quality lessons in a brand new format to try and ensure your children do not fall too far behind in their learning. We will as always, continue to work together with you to ensure that when your children return to school they are supported in catching up on any lost learning.

Both Mrs Reynolds and Mrs McCarthy are now on maternity leave. We look forward to welcoming Mr Bansel to our Year 3 team and Mr Hough to our Year 4 team. We also wish Mrs Reynolds and Mrs McCarthy the very best and look forward to them returning next year.

Thank you once again for your continued support and efforts during these challenging times.

S Steward
Headteacher

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Each class/year group and their teachers will be classed as a bubble. We will limit class bubbles contact with other year groups to limit the spread of Covid-19. We have used bubbles during the Autumn term so are confident that we can maintain these.

I understand that some arrangements may not be ideal and inconvenient for individuals but we are following Government instruction and guidance to keep everyone safe.

KEY INFORMATION:

- Each class will be a bubble with their teacher and will have limited contact with other bubbles
- Each class bubble will arrive and leave school at staggered times to reduce crowds of parents gathering and the risk of bubbles mixing
- Each class bubble will eat their dinner in their classroom
- Dinners provided by school will be cold packed lunches only
- Parents will not be admitted to the building unless essential and by appointment only
- **Parents and visitors should wear face masks on school property to stop the spread of the virus across the community.**
- Parent workshops and after school clubs will not take place for now
- All KS1 and KS2 pupils will enter from the front of the building
- EY pupils will enter via the EY gate on North Allerton Road
- We will operate a one way system at the front of the school: Entry at St Aidan's grove and Exit at North Allerton Road at home time.

Year Group	Drop off time and location	Collection time and location (Monday – Friday)
6	8:40am Main Reception door	3:10pm Main Reception door
5	8:40am White door front of school	3:10pm White door front of school
4	8:50am Main Reception door	3:20pm Main Reception door
3	8:50am White door front of school	3:20pm White door front of school
2	9:00am Main Reception door	3:30pm Main Reception door
1	9:00am White door front of school	3:30pm White door front of school
Rec	8:40am EY gate on North Allerton Rd	3pm EY gate on North Allerton Rd
Nur	9:00am EY gate on North Allerton Rd	3:20pm EY gate on North Allerton Rd

Pupils who arrive late to school will line up outside the Y6 classroom on the yellow markers along with siblings.

PLEASE BE PROMPT – GATHERINGS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS AND AT SCHOOL GATES ARE NOT PERMITTED

As during our Autumn term, families who have pupils in more than one year group could, if they chose to bring siblings together. There will be a line for siblings to join so that they can enter the building safely.

It is essential that we work together to get pupils into and out of school safely, patience and understanding will be essential.

The front of the school will operate a one way system for Parents and Pupils, the entry will be on St Aidan's Grove and the exit will be on North Allerton Road. Parents will be unable to come into the front office – if you cannot pay dinner money on Parent Pay please send it in with your child in a sealed envelope with their name and amount of money on the front.

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