



# Keyworth Primary School

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## September 2021 – return to school for all children

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you and your families have had a wonderful summer and are excited about the return to school on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**. I would also like to welcome all families who are new to Keyworth and whose child/ren will be starting school in September. The staff are really looking forward to welcoming your children back and are ready to work with our school community in teaching and inspiring the future generation.

The purpose of this letter is to update you with the plans that we will have in place once your child/ren return to school. The latest government guidelines state that schools can 'return to normal' and there is less need for the safety measures that were previously in place. However, they add that schools are in the best place to make individual decisions in relation to their plans and risk assessments. Throughout the summer, the senior leaders across the federation have been in consultation with each other and the governors. We have decided that we are going to continue to implement some of the measures that we have previously had in place as well as making some adaptations and/or removing some of the measures. Our plans have focused on the safety and wellbeing of all, as well as a reflection on measures we introduced that have actually made our school even better.

### Drop offs and collections

Year group	Start time	End time	Lunchtime
Little Stars	8:55	11:55	
Morning Nursery	8:45	11:45	
All day Nursery	8:45	3:30	11:20-12:20
Reception	8:50	3:20	11:20-12:20
Year 1	8:50	3:20	12:00-1:00
Year 2	8:50	3:20	12:00-1:00
Year 3	9:00	3:30	12:30-1:30
Year 4	9:00	3:30	12:30-1:30
Year 5	9:00	3:30	12:30-1:30
Year 6	9:00	3:30	12:30-1:30
Breakfast club	8:00 – 8:30	School start time	
Afterschool club	3:25	5:55 (collect from 5:30pm where possible)	

- On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September only, Little Stars, Nursery and Reception will start at 9:30am with parents/carers being able to come into school through to 10:00am. From Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September,

the above will commence and parents/carers will not be allowed on the school site in the morning. For the afternoon Nursery, parents/carers can also come into school for a short while if they choose to on these days only.

- We have decided to continue to stagger the school day but with a reduction in the time difference between year groups. This is to reduce the flow of people in and around the school at any given time. Please ensure that you play your part by bringing your child/ren to school on time. These times will be reviewed and changes may happen as necessary.
- We will only be using Doddington and Gaza gates for normal access (Breakfast club/Afterschool club are different). These gates will open at 8:45am. Children in the Early Years will need to come through Gaza gate and children in Year 1 are encouraged to come via Doddington gate as there will be additional staffing on this gate. All other children will be able to access school in the morning via either gate.
- If children in KS2 arrive early, they will wait in the playground until just before 9:00am when the bell will be rung and they will then be instructed to walk to their classrooms. The bell will be rung just before 9:00am as this time is when lessons will start and we want to discourage poor punctuality to school.
- **Parents/carers will not be allowed on the school premises at drop-off** and should leave their child/ren at the school gate. **Parents/carers will be able to come into the school playground for collection at the end of the school day.** However, please ensure that only one adult arrives at drop-off/collection to avoid unnecessary crowds.
- The below table shows where you should collect your child/ren from at the end of the school day:

Year group	Collection points – end of school day
Little Stars	Gaza gate
Nursery	Gaza gate
Reception	Reception classrooms
Year 1	Year 1 classrooms
Year 2	Main playground beside the fort
Year 3	Main playground beside the fort
Year 4	Main playground beside Ray's office
Year 5	Main playground beside the side of the lunch hall
Year 6	Outside of the lunch hall

- Parents/carers will have the opportunity to speak to their child/ren's class teacher at the end of the school day only.
- We ask that parents/carers wear face coverings when collecting their child/ren if social/physical distancing cannot be maintained. Please also be mindful that Keyworth staff/other parents/carers may have anxieties regarding there being many people in a particular space and within close proximity of each other so I ask that you respect each other's personal space.

- As soon as you drop-off/collect your child/ren, please move as far away from the school gates as possible.

### **Lunchtimes and playtimes**

- We will continue with a combination of hot and cold lunches for KS1 and KS2 children for the first two weeks. Children in the Early Years will have a hot school lunch every day.

School packed lunches for the first two weeks of term (provided)						
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> September
Year 1	Year 2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 1
Year 3	Year 4	Year 3	Year 4	Year 3	Year 4	Year 3
Year 6	Year 5	Year 6	Year 5	Year 6	Year 5	Year 6

- Starting from week 3, we will move back to providing hot lunches for everyone.
- The playground will continue to have different zones that the children move between each day as we found that this reduced accidents.

### **Afterschool club**

- Afterschool club will open to everyone from Reception to Year 6.
- Children from Crampton Primary will be returning to Keyworth.
- Afterschool club will start at 3:25pm through to 5:55pm.
- Contact the school office for further information and/or to register your interest.

### **Breakfast club**

- Breakfast club will be open to everyone from Reception to Year 6.
- Breakfast club will start at 8:00am through to the start of the school day.
- Children are to arrive via Faunce Street and go through the school office.
- Contact the school office for further information and/or to register your interest.

### **School office**

- As before, we are encouraging parents/carers to contact the school office via phone or email.
- Parents/carers will be able to access the school office in person at the end of the school day and by making an appointment, although we would prefer this is only done if necessary.

### **In-school safety measures - summary**

- The children will no longer be in bubbles as the self-isolation rules have changed. However, this makes little difference as the children spend much of the day in their year groups anyway.
- We will continue to encourage regular handwashing and cleaning throughout the school day.
- Children can bring to school any necessary items including packed lunches, book bags and coats etc. Please ensure that any items brought into school are regularly cleaned.

- Windows and doors will continue to remain open. Therefore, it is important that, when we have colder weather, the children are wrapped up with several layers of clothing.
- Staff are not expected to wear PPE but will be provided with some when administering first aid/for intimate care, and can choose to wear a face covering should they wish to do so.
- All staff have been offered and encouraged to take twice-weekly Lateral Flow Covid tests.
- The risk assessment has been updated and this will be added to the website.

### **Other information**

- Children should wear their uniform to school every day. On days where they have PE, they will need to bring their PE kit to change into. Look out for details of your child/ren's PE days from their class teacher/s.
- Children should bring a labelled water bottle to school if they have one. Water will be readily available throughout the school day.
- All school uniform/items brought in from home should be labelled with a child's name/class. The school takes no responsibility for misplaced items and items are more likely to be returned if a name is present.

### **Covid and self-isolation**

As I have said earlier in this letter, the rules around Covid self-isolation have changed.

- If your child has a high temperature, a new, continuous cough or a loss or change to their sense of smell/taste, then they should not come to school. Instead, they should self-isolate and take a PCR test if they are able to do so. They should then follow the NHS advice as shown on the link below and/or by contacting 111:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>

If their result is negative, they should return to school as soon as they are well enough to do so.

- Unlike previously, children do not need to self-isolate unless they have Covid symptoms, are Covid positive or are contacted by *Track and Trace* as a close contact. This means, unless the rules change, that Keyworth will no longer be contacting families to say that we have a positive Covid case and that children need to self-isolate as we are closing a bubble.

As always, I would like to thank our families for their continued support of the school and patience going forward. If I have not covered everything in this letter or you have any queries/questions, our office will be open on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September.

Here's hoping to a more 'normal' year for everyone and that the children can have an uninterrupted and exciting year of schooling.

Kind regards,

Ray Capper

Head of School