



March 2021 Wider Opening Arrangements for Knowsley Lane

Dear Parents/ Carers

I hope that you and your children are all happy, safe and ready to return to school. Everyone at Knowsley Lane is very excited to welcome all our children safely back into school on Monday 8th March. We have been very impressed with all the learning that has been happening at home but fully recognise that face to face interactions are how children learn best. On behalf of the governors, staff and our children I would like to thank you for your continued support in ensuring that the Knowsley Lane community continues to thrive in the most difficult circumstances.

When we open on the 8th March we will be following the routines and systems that we had in place in December.

Bubbles

The children are going to be grouped into bubbles. There will be 8 bubbles. The school day will be 8.45 till 3.15.

EYFS bubble- Nursery and Reception
Year 1 and Year ½
Year 2
Year 3
Year ¾
Year 4
Year 5
Year 6

The children in a bubble will use the same exits, entrances and playgrounds and they will eat their dinners together. This will support us in reducing the opportunity for cross-contamination. If there is a reported case of a child or member of staff contracting COVID 19 then your child's bubble will be sent home for the government's recommended period of time.

Attendance

Attendance is extremely important during the coming months. Through no fault of their own children have missed being in school for a number of months, therefore, we want all the children in and learning as soon as possible. If you have any concerns for your child, please contact Mrs Whittle who will support. The Government have made attendance mandatory, so all children need to be in school from Monday. Please contact school if there are any problems with this.



Following the COVID Guidance

We very much want school to remain open as long as possible and we need your help in achieving this. **Please do not send/bring your child to school if they are unwell.** If you are unsure of what to do please keep your child at home and contact Mrs Whittle or myself to ask for advice. If anyone within your household or support bubble (including child care bubble) displays any symptoms please all remain at home until they receive a negative test.

Mental Health and Well-Being

The lockdown continues to be hard on everyone's mental health. We are here to support yourselves and your children if you need us. Just please ring the school or send me a message on Class Dojo. Also, if you have concerns or questions about the reopening then please get in touch.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club will be open from 8:15 until 8.30. The entrance will be directly into the school hall. Children will sit within their bubbles to eat their breakfast. Breakfast Club continues to be just 50p per day. This will need to be paid using the school's new cashless system on Arbor.

Uniform / equipment

Children are still required to wear the school uniform. Please remember to name all your children's clothes. Children are allowed to bring a lunchbox, a reading bag, a PE kit and a bottle of water. Children are not allowed to bring in personal items such as pencil cases etc. Reading books will be being sent home and then safely stored on their return.

There is no requirement for children to wear facemasks. If children do wear one on the way to school, we ask that children safely remove it and bring a small plastic bag to store it in during the day.

Handwashing

In line with the government guidelines, we will be supporting your children in the frequent washing of hands to support keeping the school a safe place.

PE Kits

All children are now able to come to school in their PE kits on their PE days. Please check with your child's teacher.

Face coverings

It is important that you still continue to wear a face covering when dropping and collecting your children from school. Please maintain social distancing at all times.



Recap, Recover and Rebuild

Recap, recover and rebuild is our motto for the coming weeks. We will recap what the children have learned during lockdown and then look at how we can build on this. Our staff are incredibly skilled and will know how best to support your child to achieve their full potential.

Again, I want to thank you for your continued support and let you know that I am looking forward to seeing you all on Monday morning.

Your sincerely

Emma Dilworth

Acting Principal