



Tuesday 31st August 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that you have had a healthy and enjoyable summer. We are looking forward to welcoming you and your children on Thursday 2nd September 2021.

Your responses to our survey in the summer term said that there were a few of the COVID procedures put into place that you would like to see continue. We have tried to accommodate these in our arrangements for this year.

DROP OFF ARRANGEMENTS

All children to enter the school via the gate on the top playground (Traffic lights)

- Registration will open at **8:45am**. The gates and doors will be opened at this time and will be manned by staff until 8:55am. After that, children should enter via the school office.
- Y3 and Y4 will enter via the Kidz zone door at the top of the school. You can send your child into school by themselves and do not need to enter the one-way system. Please walk younger children/siblings through the top playground and follow the one-way system round.
- Y1 and Y2 will enter school via the toilet door entrance and walk to their classroom
- Reception children will enter the bottom building via the cloakroom door on the way back up to Newpool Road
- Nursery children will go down the steps and enter the school via their cloakroom entrance

COLLECTION ARRANGEMENTS

We will return to original timings for collection. Please follow the one-way system entering from the top gate near the traffic lights and we will dismiss the children to you from outside as both staff and parental comments felt that this was quicker and safer.

- Reception children will be collected at **3:10pm** off the bottom playground
- Y1 and Y2 will be collected off the top playground at **3:15pm**. Y1 on the 100 square by the toilet door entrance and Y2 by the swimming pool
- Afternoon Nursery children will be collected at **3:15pm**, follow the one-way system and go down the steps and collect from the cloakroom entrance.
- Y3 and Y4 will be collected at **3:20pm** from the top playground, Y3 by the shelter and Y4 by the top end of the swimming pool

Please do not come early to collect your child as we wish the system to flow as it has done previously. Younger siblings can be collected at the eldest sibling's collection time. Please contact the office or your class teacher to arrange this.

LUNCHTIME NURSERY DROP OFF AND COLLECTION

To avoid opening the main school gates during lunch break, we will not use the one-way system for these times only.



- Morning Nursery children can be collected by walking down the side path from Newpool Road and children will be dismissed outside Reach for the stars
- Afternoon Nursery children will be dropped off using the side path from Newpool Road and staff will man the doors

As stated in July's newsletter children **can bring lunch bags/boxes and bags to school**. We will be using book bags and sending home home-school link books for information and to record reading practise.

SWIMMING AND PE

There will **NOT** be swimming or PE until week beginning MONDAY 6th SEPTEMBER. You will receive details of your child's PE and swimming days on Friday 3rd September with other relevant information for your child's class. Children will come to school in PE clothes on both of these days.

ASSEMBLIES

Your child will participate in assemblies again this year. We will build up the number of children that will participate in these special events slowly as some of our younger children have not attended assembly so far in their school career and may find it overwhelming.

NEWSLETTERS & COMMUNICATION

Most of our correspondence, dates and events will be communicated to you via our weekly newsletters; these are emailed to you weekly and can also be found on our website. Please ensure you read these so that you can keep up to date with school life and ensure your child is prepared for all events.

<http://knypersley.staffs.sch.uk/newsletters/> We value contact from you and know that communication is vital for us all to feel your children are happy, safe and well. Please continue to use the school text service, phone, and class email to communicate with us and we assure you that if we have any concerns regarding your child we will contact you immediately.

SNACK

We will be providing a daily snack. Please send money in on a WEEKLY basis not daily to reduce staff contact with cash. The cost will be £1.50 for snack and milk or Juice. Nursery to Year 2 will also receive free fruit. This needs to be in on a Monday please.

DINNERS

Menus have been uploaded to the website. <http://knypersley.staffs.sch.uk/lunch-menu/>

Please talk this through with your child as each morning they will choose their meal. If you pay for meals please ensure your parentpay account is up to date. Please note the menu could be subject to change due to the unavailability of some foods. Children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 are entitled to universal free school meals.

KIDZ ZONE <http://knypersley.staffs.sch.uk/wrap-around-care/>



We offer a before and after school care facility which is located in the main school building and can be accessed by the top door near the traffic lights. We can only have children who are BOOKED in in ADVANCE so please call or email the office if you wish to book your child in kidzzzone@knypersley.staffs.sch.uk.

We are still being made aware of recent cases of COVID 19 in the Biddulph area and so we ask for your continued support to help our staff and children to remain safe and keep our school running smoothly.

Symptoms of COVID 19.

It is **absolutely vital** that if your child has any of the following symptoms they must stay at home and **inform us immediately and organise a PCR test.**

- ❖ A high temperature
- ❖ A loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste
- ❖ A new continuous cough

If your child displays any of the above symptoms we will isolate them in our isolation room and request you are available to collect immediately.

If you have any additional questions please contact us via the school office - 01782 973810 or admin@knypersley.staffs.sch.uk

Many thanks in advance for all your support,

Mrs E Goodyear
Headteacher