

THE "LOW" DOWN

Lowerhouses CE (VC) JI
& EY School



18th
September

2020

*Working and achieving together to enrich lives
and nurture bright futures*

Welcome back

I would like to extend a warm welcome to you all as we start back at school with the 'new normal'. I am so pleased to report that the children have adapted extremely well and are enjoying being back with their friends and teachers. Already we are seeing just how resilient our children are and I couldn't be prouder. We have seen some amazing work from them; they are keen to show us what they have remembered and what they have learned with you during the school closure period.

Obviously, things are different in school, not only for the children but for the adults and for the parents. We want to work with you to make sure we keep Lowerhouses School the safest it can be. Therefore we ask that you follow all the guidance given by the Government as well as following and respecting the rules in school and requests by staff. Please do get in touch if you need any support or assistance.

Reporting absence and Covid Symptoms

The Government are advising that anyone showing one of the following symptoms should get a test:

A high temperature

A new, continuous cough

The loss of change to sense of smell and taste

Please inform school immediately if your child is displaying **any one** of these symptoms. They must, along with any siblings, isolate at home. Full details of the length of time in different circumstances has already been sent to you. We will send further information to parents who find themselves in this position, helping you understand your next steps. We recognise this can be a distressing and confusing time so please contact school for support. Please note that if we have a child or staff member testing positive, we will inform you.

Diary Dates

Thurs 24 th Sept	Individual photographs
Thurs 22 nd Oct	Flu immunisations Reception – Year 6
Fri 23rd Oct	School closes for half term 3.15pm
Mon 2nd Nov	School reopens
Weds 4 th Nov	Computing workshop – Year 1

School meals

Just a reminder that from September, school dinners have increased to £2.30 per day. If your circumstances have changed over the last few months and you are unsure if your child now qualifies for benefit related free school meals, please phone 01484 221928 or visit www.Kirklees.gov.uk to apply. A reminder that children who have moved into Year 3 are no longer eligible for universal free school meals. Please log into your ParentPay account to pay for meals or contact the office to request a payment card. Kirklees regularly monitor dinner money debts, please ensure your account is kept in credit at all times. If you wish your child to change from school meals to packed lunches or vice versa the school office require 2 weeks notice. Thank you.

High School Applications – Year 6

All applications for a place at High School in September 2021 must be completed online www.kirklees.gov.uk/admissions and submitted by **Saturday 31st October 2020**. If you require any help with your application, please contact the school office. Please check the high school websites for information regarding their virtual open evenings throughout September and October.

After School Clubs

There are still places available for our dodgeball after school clubs which have started this week for Years 5 & 6. Year 5 club runs on a Thursday and Year 6 on a Wednesday. If you wish your child to attend, please sign up on Parentpay. Please keep an eye on emails for other year group clubs starting soon.

School Photographs

Our school photographer will be in school on Thursday 24th September to take individual photos. The children will remain in their class bubbles and we are unable to take sibling or family group photographs this year. The photographer will be following our school risk assessment and protocols along with their own company procedures.

Change of details

If you have changed your phone number, address or email over the last few months please could you ensure the office are aware of the new details. It is important that these are kept up to date in case we need to contact you in an emergency. Please also ensure you are signed up for both Parentmail and ParentPay. If you require activation details, please contact the school office.

Holiday Dates 2020 – 2021

School Opens	School Closes
Tuesday 8 th September 2020	Friday 23 rd October 2020
Monday 2 nd November 2020	Friday 18 th December 2020
Tuesday 5 th January 2021	Friday 12 th February 2021
Monday 22 nd February 2021	Friday 26 th March 2021
Tuesday 13 th April 2021	Friday 28 th May 2021
Monday 7 th June 2021	Friday 23 rd July 2021

Other dates to remember

Friday 4th December 2020 – Training day School closed

Monday 3rd May 2021 - May Day School closed