



Lowick and Holy Island C of E First Schools

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have now received, and have had a chance to review, the guidance for the full re-opening of schools in September. We will be open to all children, both in Lowick and on Holy Island, from **Thursday 3rd September** (1st and 2nd September are teacher training days). The government expects all children to be back in school and normal attendance rules apply.

We will still seek to keep class 1 and class 2 separate as much as is practicable, however we are classing the main school as one bubble and the nursery as a separate bubble. The advantages of this are that Holy Island school can re-open, class 1 and 2 would be able to share a dining room (on separate tables) so that dinners can return to normal and playtimes are more easily staffed. This would also allow us to share a bus if we were to go on a trip.

We accept that 2 metre distancing cannot be expected in Early Years or Primary settings and we will continue to mitigate risk through:

- Minimising contact and mixing of groups as far as is practicable (although the bubble will be larger this will still be well within government guidance as we are a very small school);
- Regular cleaning of the setting and resources;
- Frequent handwashing; and
- Encouraging good respiratory hygiene (such as catch it, kill it, bin it)

We are keeping our staggered start and finish times for the nursery and each class to reduce congestion when children are being dropped off and collected.

Drop and collection will work as follows:



Class and staff	Drop off	Pick up	Location
Nursery Miss Adams and Miss Easten	8.50-9.00am	2.30 – 2.45pm	Come round the side of the school as usual and onto the yard. Drop and pick up from outside the nursery building.
Class 1 Mrs Strangeways	8.40-8.50am	2.45 – 2.55pm	Come round the side of the school to where the grass slope is and the wooden stage. Do not go round onto the yard. Class 1 will come in the side door straight into their classroom.
Class 2 Mrs Stiansen and Mrs Waddington	8.30-8.40am	2.55 – 3.00pm	Come round the side of the school to where the grass slope is and the wooden stage. Do not go round onto the yard. Class 2 will come in the side door straight into their classroom.

We ask that you respect these staggered times and that only one adult picks up or drops off their child/ren to reduce the number of people on site. We also ask you not stay on the school site beyond what is necessary to keep visitor numbers as low as possible. It is important that parents and carers observe social distancing guidelines whilst doing the school run to reduce the risk to everyone in the community.

Before school (from 8am) or after school care (up to 5pm) can be arranged through the school ahead of time. Please talk to us about your needs and we can explain how this would work.

Can I remind all parents that you are not to drive into or park in the school car park during school drop off or pick up times. The yellow zigzags also need to be kept clear. The White Swan across the road has kindly offered their car park for our parents use at this time to reduce congestion on the road and this is a very reasonable and short walk.

You will not be able to come into the school building. Any messages for school can either be communicated to the teacher outside the classroom, or you can contact the school via phone or email into the school office as usual.

To begin with, children will not be able to bring in any book bags, pencil cases or anything else from home. Exceptions will be their coat, any essential medicine or items necessary to prevent harm such as sun-cream. However, they will be able to bring in packed lunches if they do not want a school dinner. For nursery children, they can also bring in nappies, wipes, a comfort item and a change of clothes and these will be kept in their boxes.

Children are to wear normal school uniform from September, however we understand that over the long lockdown period some children will have outgrown their previous uniform and Linda has sent out uniform order forms recently to enable you to stock up on larger sizes. Please get in touch if you are having difficulty in this area as we do have some donated uniform available.

We are not currently expecting to go swimming in September. We will keep you informed when we know more about when or how this will be possible in the new school year. However we will still do PE on Wednesdays and children can wear suitable clothes for being active (such as jogging bottoms or leggings) as they have done previously.

It is important to remember that if your child has any of the Covid 19 symptoms, and especially a persistent cough, temperature or loss or change in taste or smell, they must be kept at home and not brought to school. If a member of the school develops symptoms, and subsequently tests positive, we will work with Public Health England to identify who would need to self-isolate for 14 days. We would need you to co-operate with us in letting us know of any test results so that we can inform the NHS Track and Trace service. It is also important that we have up to date contact details with you as we ask that you will promptly collect your child if they develop Covid19 symptoms during the school day.

On a positive note, the staff are busy planning some lovely lessons for the new school year. Our learning theme will be about the environment. In RE we will be finding out more about what different people believe linked to their duty to look after the natural world with a focus on Islam and Christianity. We are using recovery lessons for English and maths, but we will also be keeping our broad, creative and inspiring curriculum with plenty of opportunities for learning outdoors. We will also re-start small group work and, where necessary, 1:1 support based on what each child needs.

All of us in school look forward to seeing you and your children again in September. We hope you all have a lovely summer holiday in the meantime.

Kind Regards
Rebecca