

Monday 2nd September 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

I refer to my letter that I sent to you on Friday to confirm that **WE ARE CLOSED ON TUESDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER**. This is due to the fact that school is not quite fully functioning. We **WILL** be **OPEN** on **WEDNESDAY 4th SEPTEMBER** at **8.50am**. Again, I sincerely apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause.

The renovation of our new classrooms for Years 1 and 2 and the Reception and Nursery unit is at an advanced stage. There have been a few changes to our initial plan for occupancy of classrooms during the Autumn term. This is to ensure that we can minimise any disruption for our children and facilitate a safe environment, both indoors and outdoors. Arrangements for each class for Wednesday morning and this half term are as follows...

Nursery and Reception children will be in the room in the Infant building where Reception was last year, with direct access to the outdoor area.

Year 1 will be where the Year 1 children were last year in the Infant building.

Year 2 will also continue to be based in the Infants, in the portacabin, where we have had our Out of School club 'Buddies' provision last year.

All children in Nursery/Reception, Years 1 and 2 will enter the building from the Infant school playground. The portacabin is fenced off with access through the Infant building. It is not anticipated that any building work will be taking place in the Infant building until we have moved out.

There will be **no change** to our classroom arrangements for Years 3-6. They should line up on the Lower Key Stage 2 playground (opposite the main Reception) in the new Primary building for their new class teacher to lead them into school through the correct entrance on the first day back at 8.50am. They will then be escorted back to this playground to meet you at the end of the day. The classrooms for Years 3-6 face the field and will be undisturbed by any building or construction work. We have strict rules and ratios of adults to children in place, to ensure that they are safe throughout the school day when moving around the building.

All children will have their lunch, assemblies and PE in the main hall (in our new Primary building), as per last year and will have their playtimes on the Infant playground, Junior playground (outside the dining hall) and on the field (weather permitting). Some of their break times and lunchtimes will be staggered, so that there is enough space for everyone to play safely. They will also be able to access the hall safely from the playground.

You will see that there are many areas cordoned off by Heras fencing, especially on the playground next to the Lead Lane entrance, where the contractors and their vehicles are based. This means that the children cannot come into contact with them. The Lead Lane gate will be closed at 9am or soon after each day. If you need to get to the school office during the day, please use the Harrogate Road corner or Whitcliffe Grove gates.



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Please note the footpath alongside the school drive is not yet complete. Please use the footpath from the Harrogate Road corner across the Infant School playground instead.

'Buddies' will be in one of the classrooms in the Infant building during the first half term, so that they will not be disrupted by any building work before and after school hours. Access will be through the Reception/Year 1 door from the Infant playground. **Buddies will be OPEN from 7.45am on Wednesday.**

As always, our children's education, safety and well-being is our absolute priority. Our decision making has been supported by members of the Local Authority, who have experience in managing building work with children on site.

When we open, we will be providing a stable and stimulating learning environment for all our children. They will be accessing the full curriculum with high quality resources; there will be no compromise to our high expectations for teaching and learning and school development during this time. We feel very excited about the progress that has been made and really look forward to providing further updates weekly through our newsletter. PLEASE share any concerns or queries directly with us, as we can address them and reassure you as and when they arise.

We will have members of staff and governors to direct everyone on the first day back, who will also be able to answer any questions.

Thank you so much for your support. I am really looking forward to working with you and our children to continue to shape our new Primary school this academic year.

Best wishes,

Mrs Rowett
Headteacher