

Important Announcement - Friday 9th February 2024

Dear all,

Further to the letter sent out yesterday we have had confirmation from our surveyors that we can have a small number of children in the single storey spaces in school next week whilst the structural survey is carried out. Keeping children and staff safe at school is the responsibility of the school, the Council and the DfE. It is a priority for us and something we have to take very seriously. The measures have been put in place to reduce the risk to the school community.

The plan to move forward next week is for some children to return to school and utilise the single storey spaces - this is phase 1 of our plan.

Once we understand the extent of the two storey block damage, we can then move to phase 2 of the children's return to school. Although timescales for this are unknown, this is likely to be some time after half term.

Phase 1 plan - week commencing Monday 12th February 2024

2 Year olds	Back to school
Nursery	Back to school
Reception	Back to school
Badger Class (Year 1/2) (Mrs Waters)	Stay on remote learning
Hedgehog Class (Year 3/4 - Miss Sutton)	Stay on remote learning
Magpie Class (Year 5 - Mrs Witty Crane)	Stay on remote learning
Otter Class (Year 6 - Miss Whelan)	Back to school
KS2 ARP - Owls (Miss Winship)	Stay on remote learning
KS1 ARP - Foxes (Miss Rowland)	Stay on remote learning

We are also planning on bringing a very small group of children back, due to family situations on days where there is an urgent lack of childcare. For example, where all parents are working and there is no extended family or friends to support. These places are very limited. As you can appreciate, we do not want too many children on site until we know the outcome of the survey. There is currently very limited space to accommodate the children in the single story part of the building. I know that on the google form some

comments have been made around the struggles of home learning and whilst we understand this, we cannot offer places for these reasons, at the moment. We have prioritised Miss Whelan's class, so they can continue with their learning in preparation for Year 6 SAT's in May. Early Years children can also return as that part of the building has been deemed as safe. These are the only groups of children we can have in at this time due to Health & Safety restrictions on the movement of children around the building.

Children in Year 6 (Miss Whelan class) and EYFS

Children who usually attend breakfast club from Miss Whelan's class and the Early Years classes will be able to do so. Otherwise children will start at their normal time. However, the school gates will close at 8:45 am, we are not able to walk children through the school so please make sure you are on time. Gates will then be open at the end of the day as usual. The children will have their teacher and teaching assistants in school and will therefore, have their normal lessons. Year 6 will however be moved into the library area in the single storey part of the building.

Childcare Support Group

If your child is allocated a space in this group you will be phoned by 12pm on Friday 9th February. If you have not received a phone call by this time your child has not been allocated a space for next week.

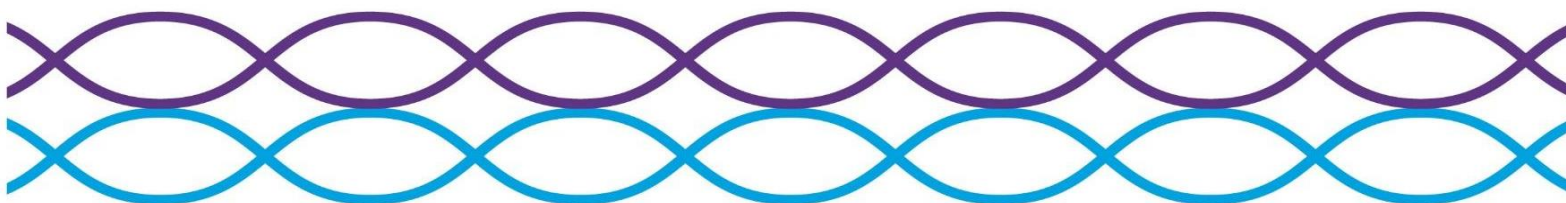
This group of children will be able to access Breakfast Club or will start at 8:35 am. The children will be placed in the hall and will be supervised by Teaching Assistants to complete the remote learning that has been supplied by their teacher. We have very limited space in school initially until further investigations have taken place and the children will only be able to access the hall, toilet area and outside. The children will finish at 3:10pm.

We are not able to walk children through the school so please make sure you are on time. Just a reminder that after school clubs will not be running next week.

For those children still using remote education, our provision for packed lunches will remain in place (please contact the school office to give them your order for next week) alongside any technical support we can give. If you would prefer paper packs of work, this can also be organised on request. Our school office will remain open from 9am - 2pm to answer any telephone calls. Please get in touch if we can help with anything.

We understand that remote learning is very stressful and hard for both the parents and the children. We will be sending out next week some ideas of how you can support your child and their mental health at home.

We are working closely with North Tyneside Council and the DfE to ensure children can return to school safely as quickly as possible. As you can appreciate, we have very limited single storey space in the Grasmere side of the building and the Council are supporting us with a plan to create more space.



We will be sending out further letters next week with our plans for after half term once we have more information from the survey, the Council and the DfE.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding

Kerry Lilico
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