

Grasmere Academy

Grasmere Court, Killingworth, NE12 6TS

Tel/Fax: 0191 222 0259

Email: info@grasmereacademy.org.uk

Website: www.grasmereacademy.org.uk

Learn • Flourish • Achieve

sing up

Gold Award



March 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are thrilled to let you know that school will be reopened to all pupils on Monday 4th March. The letter below details the organisation of this, please read very carefully.

Over the last week we have successfully moved into the Silverdale end of the school and our new classrooms have been set up - the staff have worked so hard to get this ready for children returning.

From Monday, Early Years, Mrs Waters' class and Miss Rowlands' class will need to come in through the Early Years gate onto the Early Years yard. There you will find classroom doors with signs on so you know where to drop off and collect your children.

Miss Sutton's class, Miss Whelan's class and Mrs Witty-Crane's class will need to come onto the main yard and will be collected by their class teachers at the main KS2 door - at the bottom of the yard. Again, this will be labelled and teachers will meet you there.

This means that the door by the bike shed will no longer be used - as this has direct access into the two story block, so access is denied there.

Miss Winship's class is now going to be in the little bungalow to the right of the school. Children need to wait at the gate located on the footpath by the bungalow and a member of staff will meet you there.

On the first day, we will all be present on the yards to direct you to where you need to go, which is why being on time is key.

Finally can I reassure you that the building is safe for your children to be in, the classrooms that we are now in are not affected by the structural damage, this is isolated to the two storey block only. For this reason, the block is still out of bounds whilst investigations continue and hopefully repair works are completed. Barriers and one way routes have been set up so no one can access this. Please be reassured, your children are safe in school.

Please read the information below carefully

Arrangements for March 2024

Please familiarise yourself with the changes of our class timings and entrance and exit points for the return to school:

Year group	Start / End time	Entrance / Exit point
Little Explorers	12:30pm – 3:30pm	Early years gate
Nursery	8:40am – 11:40am	Early years gate
Reception	8:40am – 3:10pm	Early years gate
Year 1/2	8:40am – 3:10pm	Early years gate
Year 3/4	8:40am – 3:10pm	Main yard KS2 door
Year 5	8:40am – 3:10pm	Main yard KS2 door
Year 6	8:35am – 3:05pm	Main yard KS2 door
ARP KS1	8:40am – 3:10pm	Early years gate
ARP KS2	8:40am – 3.10pm	Gate located on the footpath by the bungalow

Doors will open 5 minutes before the class start times, please make sure that your child is in school for their start time. **Gates will close at 8:45am. Children must be in school on time**, for safety reasons we must keep the access through the office to a minimum. **Please collect your child on time** and let the school office or your class teacher know if another adult is collecting your child.

If your child is absent from school please leave a voice message on our absence line only on 0191 222 0259, at the start of the day by 9am.

Uniform

Children need to be in the correct school uniform everyday; purple Grasmere jumper or cardigan, white polo shirt and black trousers/skirt or purple summer dress with black school shoes or plain black trainers.

Children must bring a water bottle and coat to school every day. On the days that your child has PE they must come into school in their school PE kit; black shorts/jogging bottoms/leggings, a white t-shirt and school jumper/cardigan/hoodie.

Breakfast Club/After School clubs

There will be no after school clubs running this half term. We are aiming to restart them after the Easter holidays.

Breakfast club will only be available to families where both parents are working for the remainder of this half term. This is due to health and safety reasons we need to limit the number of children attending on a daily basis. Breakfast club starts at 7.45am, doors will open at this time. Please note that drop off for breakfast club is only at the door onto the yard, please ring the bell. Breakfast club closes at 8.20 and children will not be let in after this time.

If your child is allocated a space in the breakfast club you will receive a text by 2.30pm on Friday.

We will return to school on Monday 4th March 2024.

Thank you for your continued support

Kerry Lilico
Headteacher