

## Newsletter

Dear parent/carers

### Changes to drop off and collection points

Sadly, at the start of half-term Birklands' suffered an act of vandalism. A window was broken on the outside of our year one classroom. Thankfully it is the outer layer of glass so it is still safe for the children to be in their class base. However, due to the size of glass required there is a delay in the window being repaired.

For safety reasons the pathway used to enter our Key Stage One and Foundation areas cannot be accessed.

Until further notice we would like:

- Nursery and Reception children to be dropped off and collected from the steps at the far end of the key stage two playground.
- Year one and two children to be dropped off and collected from the main school door.

Don't worry staff will be around to direct you and the children.

### Covid safe compliance

As we have had to put these temporary arrangements in place we require parent/carers to:

- Be on the school grounds for the shortest possible of time. Please do not arrive too early to collect your child.
- Once you have collected your child leave the school grounds swiftly.
- If you can meet your child off-site please do.
- If you are happy for them to walk home please complete the consent form.

Our start of the day arrangements will stay the same: gates will be opened from 8.25am until 8.45am. It is expected that all children will arrive between these times. A polite reminder that school officially starts at 8.45am so all children should be in class by this time.

Finishing times will remain staggered:

- Nursery and Reception at 2.45pm
- Year 1 and 2 at 2.50pm
- Year 3 and 4 at 2.55pm
- Year 5 and 6 at 3.00pm

### **Building Work**

The contractors have worked extremely hard over half term and we are very pleased with the progress made.

The contractors will be continuing the work inside the building over the next couple of weeks. This will be away from any class base.

This work will not impact or interfere on the children's learning.

As Head of School, I will continue meeting with the contractors to ensure that all health and safety procedures and protocols are followed.

### **Poppies**

On behalf of the Royal British Legion the school will be selling poppies this week. If your child wishes to purchase one please send the donation in with them, any day next week.

No-one knows what this half-term will bring but be reassured we will all work together to ensure we continue to provide an education that builds character, as well as academic knowledge.

Remember:





If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask them.

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