

Meadowside Community Primary & Nursery School



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SCHOOL REOPENING PLANS

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are so pleased to finally be able to start welcoming our children back into Meadowside from **Monday 8th March**. As you know, we have not only been managing the partial closure due to the pandemic but we, like many of our neighbours, also suffered severe damage to school in the local flooding of last month. This has caused quite a few extra challenges over the last few weeks as we still needed to teach those children who were allocated school places during lockdown, whilst simultaneously working on the project to repair and refurbish school ready for reopening.

Huge thanks goes to **Beaumont Collegiate Academy** and **Sandy Lane Children's Centre** for providing rooms for our children to continue with their learning and also to our staff who have demonstrated incredible resilience, adaptability and team work to provide lessons for those children in school and at home every day throughout this time. I also want to say thank you to our amazing children and parents for being so patient and understanding – we are very close to the finishing line now! Finally, a special thank you goes to the team of local volunteers, led by Mr Murphy, whose work to remove the flood water from the school premises was vital to us getting the repairs and refurbishment done in time for the 8th March.

What parts of the school were damaged by the flood?

- Everywhere! Over the course of the next few months the flooring of the entire school will be removed and replaced. This work has already begun and many classrooms will be ready for the 8th March but some will not. More details of this will be outlined below.

Are any classes unable to return to school on Monday 8th March?

- Yes unfortunately **Year 6 Elder Class** will not be able to return to school until **Monday 15th March**. This is because they are moving to a classroom portacabin at the front of school which won't be ready until then. **All other classes will return on the 8th March.**

Will any classes need to change rooms as a temporary measure?

- Yes, **Year 6** will move to a portacabin at the front of school, **Buttercups** will move to the classroom next to Giant Redwoods and **Reception Class** will move to the Year 6 classroom. These changes are only temporary and the children will likely be returning to their own classrooms after a few weeks.



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Will Meadowside nurseries be returning to the same rooms or are the new nurseries ready?

- Unfortunately the new nurseries were also hit by the floods which has delayed their opening. Therefore the nurseries will be in the same rooms they have been in since September but we anticipate they will be able to move to the new nursery rooms shortly after the Easter holidays - which we are very excited about!

Do we still need to follow the one-way system when dropping off and collecting our child?

- Yes, parents and children must arrive through the Clough Avenue gates and exit via Fisher Avenue. However, **Year 6 children will need to enter school through the Fisher Avenue double gates to access their portacabin from the 15th March.** We ask that Year 6 parents drop off their children at the Fisher Avenue gates. Only Year 6 children will be allowed to enter through Fisher Avenue. Children should arrive in time for their new class staggered start times.

Will the classes still have staggered start and finish times?

- Yes we will confirm what these new times are next week. Please keep up to date on our notifications through **ClassDojo**.

School Closure Thursday 4th March & Friday 5th March

All classes, except Y6, will be closed for all children on 4th & 5th March. This is so the staff can prepare their rooms ready for reopening on the 8th March. Staff will provide home learning through **ClassDojo** for those 2 days. Year 6 children will continue to attend BCA on 4th and 5th March.

Year 6 Closure Mon 8th – Fri 12th March

As BCA will need their classrooms back for their returning students, all Year 6 children will need to work from home from Monday 8th – Friday 12th March. Staff will provide home learning through **ClassDojo** or **Google Classroom** for those 5 days.

We recognise that some parents and pupils may feel anxious and worried about their return and we will work closely with families to support you with the return to school. If you have any worries or concerns or your child feels anxious about returning to school please contact our Welfare Co-ordinator, Mrs Stokes, on receipt of this letter or alternatively your child's class teacher through **ClassDojo**.

Kind regards,

Mr S. Wright



Headteacher

