

# GRASVENOR NEWS

## Half Term

Just to confirm that School is closed all next week. There will be no one on site for you to hand over or collect any home learning from. We hope you all have a good half term as best you can in the current situation.

## Letter from Jessie and Sarah Jane

This morning a letter was emailed to all families regarding the time frame of the School being able to reopen in June for Reception and Year One. Below is a copy of the email in case you haven't seen it.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your feedback and initial thoughts on the school reopening. We have been working hard on our plans for reopening and importantly creating our risk assessment, based on one supplied by Barnet Local Authority. This is a complicated and long piece of work and has highlighted many risks and resulting actions that must be in place before we can consider reopening. We have discussed some of the more contentious points at Trust level. We are communicating daily with other schools, professionals and headteachers in order to get this right and in line with other provisions, as far as possible. However, Barnet Local Authority and the DfE have stated that each school will need to decide their own plans and risks and will therefore have different timelines and ways of doing things. Please see <https://www.barnet.gov.uk/news/message-leader-cllr-dan-thomas-update-parents-and-carers-barnets-school-children> for a message from the Leader of Barnet Council regarding the opening of Barnet schools.

Due to the volume of work required to be able to open the school, the Trust have made the decision that Grasvenor will not be ready to reopen for Reception or Year 1 in the week beginning 1st June 2020. At this time we are unable to provide you with an exact date by which the risks will be satisfactorily addressed and we will be able to open. In due course we hope to issue you with a parent friendly version of the risk assessment, photos of the suggested distancing lay out in classes and outside, the PPE which staff will have the option to wear and our planning for how we expect the school to operate. With this information we hope you will be able to make a more informed decision about what is right for you and your child. We will then be asking again if your intention is to send your child back to school or not. It is unlikely that we will be able to accommodate your child

## Postcard Praise

### Ladybirds



#### Josie

Praise for her fantastic efforts with her home learning and extra learning.

### Bumblebees



#### Alex

Praise for his great maths work and using number lines correctly.

### Dragonflies



#### Amy

Praise for her amazing art work, inventing a jet pack for her home learning.

if you change your mind at a later date and request a place as this would jeopardise the safety of the pupils and staff. Once we have final numbers we will complete our plans and inform attending children of their groups, assigned adult, distancing rules and allocated school days.

I am able to tell you that the Headteachers and Trust have agreed the following:

Staff will have the personal choice to wear no, some or all of the PPE supplied- shield, face mask, gloves.

Children will NOT be permitted to wear PPE. This is because bringing objects from home is a potential contamination source and children are unlikely to be able to follow the advice on how to wear a mask safely.

Children will be required to supply a dishwasher proof named bottle to be kept at school. We will wash and refill these daily.

Children can wear their uniform or PE kits and these should be washed daily. Shoes should be safe for play. We do not expect parents to purchase new school shoes or uniform if children have outgrown them.

Lunches will continue to be provided by school caterers but will be a packed lunch option only and eaten in their designated space.

The school site will operate a **distancing** drop off and collection method- more information to follow. The drop off and collection is likely to be slow and similar to how supermarkets are currently operating.

There will be staggered start times for the 3 groups. For example, KW Provision- 8.30-8.45, Year 1- 8.45-9 and Year R 9-9.15 (**exact times tbc**). Parents will need to be available to wait their turn to drop off their child as it will not be permitted to allow another parent to drop your child. Siblings will have the option to be dropped at the same time. Only one adult per child(ren) will be permitted.

In accordance with social distancing we will not allow parents/carers to collect children outside of their household.

Key worker parents will have to choose between key worker provision and the class provision, mixing will not be permitted.

No book bags will be allowed into school and we will not be allocating reading books. We are looking into other options for reading.

If a staff member is sick it is likely that their group will not be able to come in until the staff member returns as we are not able to mix groups or staff. In this case you would be notified in the morning or as soon as we know.

Staff will be kept consistent with each group. This means that some children will be with a teacher and some will be with a Teaching Assistant, directed by the teacher. Parents and children will not be able to choose their groups- we will consider needs and friendships as we create the groups.

Children who we feel cannot understand or follow distancing rules will have a risk assessment completed to determine if they can attend. We will inform these families if we are sadly unable to accommodate their child at this time. It is likely this would be the case until we receive a

government update that distancing measures can be relaxed.

The government have been clear that parents have the right to choose not to send their child back to school at this time. Parents will not receive fines if they chose to continue with schooling at home and schools will not be judged on attendance. However, if you decide that your child is returning to school they must attend their sessions.

Home learning will continue to be provided and we will continue to make safeguarding phone calls to those remaining at home. We are still finalising plans for what the in-school learning will look like and how it will fit with the home learning. It is likely that the website version of the home learning will cease but Seesaw and paper versions will continue.

If you are a key worker and you would now like to access the provision, please email the office on **office@grasvenoravenue.barnetmail.net** stating which days you would like and we will try to accommodate you.

Please remember that unless your work is included in the key worker list below it is unlikely we will be unable to accommodate your child. Please attach proof of your key worker status to your request email.

Key workers:

- Health and Social Care
- Education and Childcare
- Key Public Services
- Local and National government
- Public safety and national security
- Transport
- Food and other necessary goods
- Utilities, communication and financial services

Please see <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision#critical-workers> for further information on who key workers are.

School is closed for half term, including the provision. The key worker provision will reopen on 1st June. **Please contact us today if you require a place from week beginning 1st June.**

We hope you are all well and safe and we will be in touch again after half term to update you on our plans.

Yours faithfully,

Jessie and SJ

## **Lincolnsfield Refunds**

We are still waiting for Parentpay to notify us that we are able to action refunds for those Parents that had paid for this trip. Unfortunately in the current climate everything is just taking a little bit longer to resolve.

