



Lower Farm Times



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September Updates

We continue to work closely with the DfE and REAch2 to follow government guidance ready for September. However, this will mean some adjustments are needed to how we would normally operate. We have detailed these below so you know what to expect when the new term starts.

Breakfast and Afterschool Clubs

Due to current guidance, we are planning to operate a reduced offering of our wrap around provision from September as follows:

Breakfast club will be offered from 08:00 - 08:45 with cereal being provided. Children will need to bring their own drinks in their own water bottles.

Afterschool club will be offered from 15:15 - 16:30 with a snack being provided. Children will need to bring their own drinks in their own water bottles.

We will continue to monitor guidance and adapt accordingly, but we anticipate these measures will be in operation until October half term. Hopefully, we can return to normal after half term.

Wrap around provision for Year 1 will start from Thursday 3rd September.

Wrap around provision for Reception will start from Monday 14th September.

Start dates...

Year 1 to start back at school on Thursday 3rd September.

Reception to start on Monday 7th September (but attend stay and play session on either Thursday 3rd or Friday 4th September).

Stay and Play sessions

Miss Crickmore will be contacting our new reception parents to invite them to a stay and play session to help with transition. These will be held on Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September and will enable your children to meet their new teachers, see their new classroom and feel more confident ahead of starting on Monday 7th. Parents and carers will need to drop their children off at the gate/playground where the staff will be waiting.

Drop off/collection

We will be operating two drop off/collection stations - the gate off the reception playground for Reception and gate off the office block/car park for Year 1.

All parents/carers who drive are asked to operate a one way system down Lower Farm Way onto Duckpond Lane, back out via Milking Lane and to park on the left hand side of the road (school side) only.

There will be a rolling drop off at each designated point where parents/carers will wait in their cars and a single member of staff will collect/return children to/from the car.

If parents/carers are walking, we ask that you and your children walk by yourselves, socially distance and not interact with other parents/carers.

There will be markings to show where pedestrians can wait until a member of staff comes to greet/return them.

If arriving on foot, please arrive from 08:40 - 08:55 and 15:00 - 15:15.

If arriving by car, please arrive from 08:55 - 09:10 and 15:15 - 15:30.

Communication

To ensure you and your children are prepared for September, we will be posting some videos and information to explain what the new classrooms will look like for September and how school will operate in light of new government guidance.



This will be done via Class Dojo (a closed network communication app) with new parents being sent invites via email to join the new reception class communication group. Please understand that this will be during the last week of the holidays as this is when we will have the site handed back to us.

Uniform Orders

To ensure you are ready for September, you will need to place your new uniform orders shortly. You can order official embroidered uniform online at: www.yourschooluniform.com Alternatively, you can order by phone on 01773 837377.

Unfortunately, we cannot offer sizing checks with our samples in school due to current safety measures. However, please find attached order form with sizing and pricing options.

Staffing:

I am delighted to announce that Miss Crickmore will be stepping into the role of Deputy Head Teacher for next year. She will still have full class responsibility for Reception class, but will also take on added responsibilities and provide added leadership capacity as Mr How supports another school for two days a week.

Term Dates 2020-21

Term starts – Thursday 3 September 2020

Half term – Monday 26 October 2020 to Friday 30 October 2020

Term ends – Friday 18 December 2020

Term starts – Tuesday 5 January 2021

Half term – Monday 15 February 2021 to Friday 19 February 2021

Term ends – Thursday 1 April 2021

Term starts – Tuesday 20 April 2021

Half term – Monday 31 May 2021 to Friday 4 June 2021

Term ends – Tuesday 20 July 2021

INSET Days

- 1 & 2 September
- 4 January
- 19 April
- 21 July