

Porters Grange Primary School & Nursery

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Dear parents/carers,

Due to the gradual increase in numbers within our key worker provision, we have had to make some changes to how the group runs. There are now regularly around 15 children in the group which means we have decided to split them in 2 in line with Government guidelines. Group 1 will contain children from Nursery to Year 3 and Group 2 will contain children within Years 4, 5 and 6. As well as reducing the numbers in each group, this will enable lessons to be better tailored to the children's needs.

We will also be relocating the children into classrooms rather than being based in the south hall. Because of this, we will be changing the morning and afternoon arrangements for dropping off and collecting children to be in line with the other year groups.

In the morning, children from both groups will now enter from the bridge playground. Our younger group will then go round the left of the school building and in through the starfish class door (a member of staff will be there to show you the way). Children from our older group will come through the bridge gate and go down the slope and to the right of the building. From there they will go in through the external door into porpoise class (again, a member of staff will be waiting).

We are operating a one-way system through the school site, therefore any parents who wish to walk their children to their class door will be required to continue walking and exit the site through the Lancaster Gardens gate as normal.

In order to stagger the arrival of children from different year groups, we ask that you **arrive promptly at 8.30** rather than between 8.30 and 9.00 as has previously been the case.

At the end of the day, you will again need to enter the site from the bridge playground and go to the children's class doors on the side of the buildings to collect them. Again, we ask that you arrive promptly at 3.00 to avoid crossing over with other groups. If you have children in both classes, the older child will meet you at the younger child's class to save you from going to both classes.

These changes will be in effect from Monday. If you have any questions, please speak to the adults on the door this afternoon and they will be happy to help you.

I apologise for the lengthy message and for changing the arrangements but as the school gradually reopens, changes are necessary to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Kind regards

Mr M Aggus

Vice Principal

