

Keresforth Primary School  
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Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Information for Returning in September 2025**

**I hope you all had a fantastic summer. We are looking forward to welcoming your children back into school tomorrow. In preparation for this, I have outlined some key information below.**

#### **Start and End of the school day**

Keresforth Primary will open to all pupils from reception class to year 6 on Wednesday 3rd September. We will be keeping the one-way system of entry and exit on the school playground to reduce and avoid collision up and down the steps. Entrance is via the school steps closest to the school drive (No access to school via the school drive will be allowed unless you have a pram) and the exit steps will continue to be those closest to the bike shed.

In a morning, children in all year groups need to arrive for **8.30am**, when staff will come onto the playground to meet them. Once the children arrive, they will make their way to their allocated wait zone. Parents do not need to wait with their child, but if you do want to wait please wait on the main part of the playground and not in the class waiting areas. Children will be escorted with staff around to the back of the school building in order to go to the toilet and wash their hands before starting the school day.

**Class Frog – New reception children should arrive at school for 9.00am on the first morning only. They will finish at 3pm that day only.**

You can continue to drop your child off at the school gate if you wish to do so and allow them to walk onto the premises unaccompanied. Teachers will be on the playground from 8.30am. I will be on the playground from 8.25am. No child should be left unaccompanied on the school site before 8.20am as they are unsupervised.

The end of the school day will operate in a similar way to last academic year. School finishes at 3.15pm when KS1 will come out. KS2 children will follow this a class at a time. Parents of younger children will be asked to queue on the front playground and as they make their way to the front of the queue, your child will be handed over to you. Children in KS2 will be sent over to you once we have ensured that children attending after school club and those allowed to walk off have done so.

Parents who wish for older children (year 4 onwards) to walk home or leave the premises to meet them across the road can do so by informing us by either telephone or email. Children who have been allowed to leave the premises in the past will automatically be allowed to walk across the road unless we get told any differently. Older children can continue to collect their younger siblings. Whoever is collecting your child will either need to come onto the playground or permission needs to be given for your child to leave the school grounds unaccompanied.

#### **School uniform**

We will expect all children to return in September with the correct school uniform (this does not have to have the school badge on and can be purchased from any high street store) –

- Grey trousers, skirts, pinafores (**not** black)
- White/blue shirts/polo shirts
- Royal blue cardigan/jumper
- Blue checked school dress
- Black shoes (**no trainers**)
- Appropriate school coat

We have a uniform shed in the playground for any parents who may be in need of help with their uniform. We have a range of trousers, skirts, pinafores, polo shirts, jumpers and cardigans, just email school or come along and see if we can help you with this.

Please can all uniform be **clearly labelled with your child's name** so that we are able to hand back all uniform mislaid.

PE lessons will be outside throughout the year. It will be important for everyone to have a suitable PE kit including joggers and trainers (from year 1 onwards). PE will be on every child's timetable several times during the week so please ensure your child has a kit in school from the beginning of term. PE kit is white t-shirt and black shorts, joggers of any colour / kind. Only small stud earrings should be worn and should be removed for PE.

PE kit should be brought to school on a Monday and will go home each Friday.

Hair should be tied back whenever possible.

### **After School Club and Breakfast Club**

Anyone wanting to book a place for **After School Club or Breakfast Club** for September onwards needs to logon via school gateway, as sessions have now been created. Sessions must be paid at the time of booking.

### **Other information**

Children need to continue to bring their own water bottle in daily and this will go home with them at the end of each day. Bottles should be clearly labelled with their name. These bottles should only contain water and not juice or flavoured water.

Free fruit will be available for children in nursery to year 2. Children in Key Stage 2 will be allowed to bring in a piece of **fruit** for a snack in the morning if they wish to do so.

Please can you book your child's lunch online. There is an option on here for children who bring their own school lunch. Packed lunches should not include sweets or chocolate bars. No drinks are needed at lunchtime as these are provided by school. Please note we are a no nut school, children should not bring anything to school in their packed lunch which contains nuts – this includes some spreads (Nutella). Children from year 3 will need to pay for a school lunch if they want one. This needs to be done online. School meals must be paid for on the day or in advance.

Thank you for your support,

V D'Silva

Headteacher