



# Lowerplace Primary School Newsletter

Monday 18th January 2021

## Ms Martin's Update

### 2021 has certainly started with a bang.

Everyone at Lowerplace, was looking forward to welcoming all our families back on Tuesday 5th January but sadly due to the National lockdown this was not to be. It has been a roller coaster two weeks and I am so proud of all the efforts the staff, children and parents have made to adjust to the current situation.

Many children have been accessing Google Classroom where teachers have been delivering a range of live and pre-recorded lessons and have ensured that the work being asked of the children is in line with what they would have been taught if they were in school. We recognise that it is challenging for parents, to support their children with their learning especially if you are having to juggle your own jobs, have other children at home and your own individual challenges.

**Staff love it when a child appears on Google Classroom and says hi or and when a piece of work is sent through. But please remember that your primary role at the moment is to keep your children safe. Just do what you can, don't compare yourself to others; social media is terrible for making you feel guilty and be kind to yourself.**

After the last lockdown, we saw how quickly children settled back into school and how skilful our staff were in ensuring that your child got just what they needed to progress and be happy. We will do it again.

Education is different for all children whether in school or at home. Teaching is different too. As a Lowerplace staff team we will do all that we can to help your child progress in their learning during this time while also working with you to ensure they are safe and we try to reduce any fears or anxieties they may have.

We will get through this and we will come out the other side stronger and more resilient.

Take care of yourselves and each other and we hope to see you soon.

Ms Karen Martin  
Headteacher



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## Requesting a Critical/Key Worker Place

If you need a place at school because you are a critical worker then please download a booking form from the website or ring the office. We will then check eligibility and capacity. Remember the government advice is,

**'If you can keep your child at home, please do.'**

**Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility**



At Lowerplace we put children at the centre of all that we do. It is clear that whether pupils are at school or at home, their safety remains a priority.

To help us to know that children are safe when being taught remotely we continue to take a register through Google Classroom. If we do not **SEE** your child via Google Classroom a member of staff will telephone home and ask to speak to your child. This is so that we know that children are safe and well. This will be done daily. Home visits will be conducted if we have concerns.

If your child is ill and unable to join in then it is your responsibility to inform the office just as you would do if your child was coming into school.

If you have concerns about the safety of a child please contact Children's Social Care on 0300 303 0440 (Monday –Friday 8.30am– 4.45pm) or out of office hours 0300 303 8875. If you think a child is in immediate danger, please call the police.

## Term Dates

### Spring Term

4th Jan— 1st Apr

**4th Jan** Inset day  
**5th Jan** Children return  
**15th Feb—19th Feb-** Half term  
**1st Apr** End of term

### Summer Term

19th Apr— 21st July

**19th Apr** Inset day  
**20th Apr** Children return  
**3rd May** Bank Holiday  
**31st May—4th June** Half term  
**7th June** Children return  
**21st July** End of term

### Autumn 2021

**Thurs 2nd/Fri 3rd** Inset Days  
**Mon 6th Sept** - Children return  
**25th Oct —29th Oct** Half term  
**Fri 17th Dec** End of term  
**Tues 4th Jan 22** Inset day  
**Wed 5th Jan 22—**Children return