



## Ackworth Howard Church of England (VC) Junior and Infant School

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**Educating 'for life in all its fullness.'**  
Growth in **MIND**, **BODY**, **SPIRIT**

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2021

### Covid-19 Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year... I hope that you had an enjoyable festive period with your families despite the current restrictions.

As you know, we have worked incredibly hard to keep our school as safe as possible during the pandemic and this work continues. I would like to thank the staff for their commitment and professionalism during this time.

I am writing today to provide some clarity and reassurance to you as we enter the new term. Like me, I am sure you were drawn to the headlines about schools reopening yesterday. This was also the first I heard of the situation.

The government has announced that apart from a small number of areas in tier 4, primary schools will re-open as planned. **Ackworth Howard will open as planned on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021** following a teacher training day on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January.

A copy of our planning and risk assessment is available on our website. School continues to be as safe as possible for pupils and staff, in line with the latest Government and Public Health England guidance: <https://www.ackworthhowardschool.co.uk/sites/default/files/uploads/media/files/schools-covid-guidance-january-2021-update.pdf>

I would like to highlight a number of things within our risk assessment in order to raise the profile of their importance:

- Please can you **ensure children arrive as close to their start time as possible**. Towards the end of the last term, a number of pupils were arriving earlier and earlier increasing the number of parents and pupils on the school grounds. **Key Stage 2 children must line up on arrival to avoid congestion on the front playground.**
  - Nursery – (Sessions 8:45-11:45 and 12:30-3:30)
  - Reception – Drop off 8:50 / 3:10 collection
  - Year 1 – Drop off 8:40 / 3:10 collection
  - Year 2 – Drop off 8:50 / 3:10 collection
  - Year 3 – Drop off 8:45 / 3:10 collection
  - Year 4 – Drop off 8:50 / 3:15 collection
  - Year 5 – Drop off 8:45 / 3:10 collection
  - Year 6 – Drop off 8:50 / 3:15 collection
- Adults **entering the school site should wear a face covering**, particularly in narrow access points on the grounds and where social distancing is difficult. Please **minimise time on the school site**.

Compassion  
Forgiveness  
Friendship  
Trust

We will continue to take decisions in the best interests of our school community, working with you and keeping you informed every step of the way. We look forward to welcoming your children back on Tuesday.

Yours sincerely,



Mr M Walker

Headteacher

