

Welcome to Kestrel Class

Autumn term 2020

We hope you have had a lovely summer even during the current restrictions. We are very excited to welcome new children into our setting as Early Years and our 'oldies' into Year 1. Hopefully you will have received the Bury Risk Assessment that follows the current Government guidance however this letter will outline some of the key aspects for Kestrels.

Through the Government guidance it is acknowledged that children of this age group are not expected to socially distance however hand washing often and thoroughly will be expected as well as washing equipment that is used frequently.

Drop off and pick times

The children will be dropped off at **8.40** at the **Kestrel learning garden gate**.

Year 1 pick up time will be **3.15** at the **Kestrel learning garden gate**.

Staggered times for Early Years

Group A – Tuesday 8th through to Friday 11th pick up at **1.00**

From week beginning Monday 14th pick up will be **3.15**

Group B - Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th pick up at **1.00**

Then Wednesday 16th onwards pick up will be **3.15**

Group C - Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th pick up at **1.00**

Then Friday 18th onwards pick up will be **3.15**

Kestrel staff members

We are very lucky in Kestrels to have Mr Gatrell every morning Monday to Thursday as well as Mrs Rowland as our full-time teaching assistant.

Bury Rangers

Mr Gatrell will be the lead teacher during Bury Rangers on Monday afternoon with Mrs Rowland and Miss Hetherington aiding and supporting the learning.

Every Monday the children will need to come to school dressed for their Bury Rangers session. They will need long sleeved tops and leggings/jogging bottoms as well as a warm coat/waterproofs and welly boots. As the weather becomes colder they will also need hat, scarf and gloves.

PE

Every Wednesday the children will need to come to school dressed in PE clothes. They will need PE t-shirt with their school sweatshirt/cardigan, plain leggings/jogging bottoms and trainers. We will be prioritised for PE in the hall as our main focus initially will be listening and following instruction type games.

Please can you ensure all clothing is named as it makes it easier to try and ensure it gets back to the right child.

Other info

Water bottles - the children will need their own named water bottle every day as we can not share drinking cups.

Spare clothes – the children will also need a spare set of clothes including underwear and socks just in case they have an accident or get very involved in their outdoor play (the mud kitchen is always popular!)

Welly boots – Kestrel class use the learning garden in all weathers so welly boots are really important to have in school every day.

Lunch – All Kestrel children are entitled to a hot school lunch however if you would prefer your child to have a packed lunch please ensure their lunchbox and any internal loose boxes are named. You should all have informed the office if you are having hot or packed lunch.

If there are any quick things you need to discuss with me please feel free to ask me over the learning garden gate however if you want to discuss something that would need a longer discussion please contact the office either through email (office@bury.school) or telephone (01798 831502). This is to reduce the number of people that enter our Kestrel 'bubble' and so therefore adhering to the Risk Assessment.

We look forward to seeing you all soon,

Kind regards

Mrs Seymour, Ms Rowland and Mr Gatrell