

JB's and Earlybirds

for the children of Baines Endowed School, Thornton

March 8th 2021

Hello Everyone,



The Government's announcement February 22nd
The re-opening of schools to all pupils in England from 8 March was announced on 22 February, and the Protective measures guidance for out of school clubs was updated the following day. This confirms that out of school clubs will also be able to re-open to all children from the same date, so long as parents are using the childcare to enable them to work, undertake education or training, or address a medical need.

We are really looking forward to welcoming you all back this week. We missed you!

Fees

We are still struggling to sort fees out, please bear with us. What we can say is most people have overpayments to cover some or all of the remaining three weeks of March. Mrs Harrison or myself will be in touch to let you know exactly where you are up to regarding fees. It has been made a little more difficult as some people paid the original monthly February and March payments necessitating Mrs Harrison to have to keep re working the figures to give an accurate total. To prevent this happening in the future, especially if the worst was to happen again, we will invoice you at the end of each month with the amount to be paid at the beginning of the next month. Please only pay the amount requested, otherwise, more reworking! This new system should make it clear to everyone, and us, where we are up to with fees. Unfortunately, if fees are unpaid by the last week of the due month, the next months sessions will be withdrawn, unless a prior agreement has been made with Linda or the Management Committee.

Future

We need to see how finances stand to allow us to make plans for 2021/2022. As you are all aware the club have to make sure we have enough income to cover outgoings along with a contingency fund for any emergencies.

If you have a sibling who is due to begin school in September, please can you let us know.

We have sessions available at the moment, for the children of workers or people in training/education who are already attending or whose parents start a new job.

When, or if, the Government says we can return to the pre-covid normality, we shall begin to offer places to all the children who attend our school, up to our maximum amount.

Sorry if this newsletter is a bit 'wordy', we are trying to get our housekeeping organised again. Normal service will be resumed next month!

And finally

If you think of anything that needs more clarification, have any queries or can think of ways we can improve, please email. I will get back to you within the day.

With Kindest Regards,
Linda and The Team.