



Lunsford Primary School

23 October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all your support since our return to school in September. The children have been truly exceptional. Thank you for your patience and for adhering to the new rules and procedures in place to keep the children and staff and the local community safe around our school. We have revised our risk assessment and the new version will be on our website by the end of the day. Below is a reminder of our expectations at school.

Please can I remind all parents and carers to strictly adhere to the timings of the drop off and pick up times. You **MUST** adhere to social distancing on the school premises and keep younger/older siblings near you at ALL times in line with our risk assessment. As requested ensure only **ONE** parent/ carer is on the school site for pick up and drop off. For the safety of our staff and the children we must keep the number of visitors onto the school site to a minimum. I understand there may be rare occasions where this is not feasible. However if this is not consistently followed we will have no choice but to change our drop off and pick up procedures in Term 2.

I would like to remind all parents and carers that communication with class teachers should ideally be conducted through Tapestry or Class Dojo rather than first thing in the morning please. There have been incidences where parents/ carers have not observed social distancing rules when speaking to a member of staff and this has put them in a vulnerable position. Furthermore, I am more than happy for all parents/ carers to wear face masks on the playground at the beginning and at the end of the day.

A special mention, for last week, to those pupils in Zebra Class who sat the Kent Test. As you may be aware this test would ordinarily take place at the start of the Autumn Term and by now be a distant memory for all involved. However, due to Covid-19 restrictions the test this year was not only delayed but also had to be delivered in line with all government guidance. The children that took the test were exceptional in the way that they handled all that was asked of them not just during the day but in the lead up to it too. We are all very proud of each and every one of you for the resilience and determination that you consistently demonstrated throughout the whole experience! Thank you too to all the other children and staff across the school who also had to make changes to their daily routines to ensure the smooth running of the day; we really do appreciate it.

Thank you to those parents and carers who participated in our telephone parent consultation meetings these past two weeks. We hope that you enjoyed hearing about how your child has settled into their new class. If you have not had a telephone consultation please do contact your child's class teacher on Class Dojo to arrange a telephone call at a mutually convenient time.

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I would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff here at Lunsford for the amazing work they do.

I hope you all have a wonderful half term and a well deserved break and we look forward to seeing you all back on Monday 2nd November.

Kind regards

Mr G Anscombe
Headteacher