



Lunsford Primary School

26 February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you've all had a wonderful half term break and I'm sure you are as delighted as I am about the return to school for all pupils on Monday 8th March. Attached with this weekly update are the full details of how we intend to operate when all the children return, so please do read it carefully.

I'm sorry it's so long but it has to be thorough to ensure the guidance is followed correctly and that our plans are fit for purpose. It should answer most questions that you might have but, if you do have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. Our revised risk assessment is also on the website.

As you may be aware, the staff returned to school full time from Monday 22nd February so please do bear with them if they are unable to immediately answer any questions you have via Class Dojo or Tapestry. Teachers and Teaching Assistants are now only teaching their designated classes as well as delivering online lessons. This is in preparation for the return of all children on 8th March and to minimize numbers of pupils in each class until 8th March. They will do their best to ensure that the online learning continues as normal and work will continue to be set until all the children return.

The routines and expectations will not differ greatly from the Autumn term or current arrangements for pupils in school. Staggered drop off and pick up are outlined below. School uniform is required as per normal, school lunches will be available (we are currently awaiting a new menu from Nourish). Equipment and PE/ Forest School timetables will also remain the same. PE lessons will be taught outside so please ensure that the children have the appropriate kit.

Attendance

As of 8th March the Government expectation is that attendance is mandatory with all children expected to attend school. Therefore our attendance protocol reverts back to our policy which can be found on our website.

Arrangements for 8th March

Please can I remind all parents and carers to ensure that drop off and pick up times are strictly adhered to. Please do not arrive too early and ensure that you are socially distancing on the school premises. Please keep any younger siblings with you at all times to reduce cross Phase Bubble contact and ensure only one adult is picking up and dropping off so as to reduce numbers of people on site to a minimum. Masks are to be worn upon entry into the school premises. If you have any questions for the class teacher could you use Class Dojo or email the office rather than talking on the playground. I do realise this is less personal but until lockdown measures are fully eased later in the summer, we have to follow these protocols.

We will continue to have **Phase bubbles** for break times and lunchtimes. Children are socially distanced in the hall and they remain in their class bubbles at all times.

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The Phase Bubbles are the following:

- EYFS/Y1/Y2
- Lower Key Stage 2 – Y3 & Y4
- Upper Key Stage 2 – Y5 & Y6

DROP OFF TIMINGS AS OF 8th MARCH:

8:30am

EYFS – Year R- Infant playground

KS1 – Year 1 and Year 2 – Junior playground

8:40am

LKS2 – Year 3 and Year 4 – infant playground

UKS2 – Year 5 and Year 6 – junior playground

PICK UP TIMES AS OF 8th MARCH

3:00pm

EYFS – Year R- infant playground

KS1 – Year 1 and Year 2 – junior playground

3:10pm

LKS2 – Year 3 and Year 4 – Infant playground

UKS2 – Year 5 and Year 6 – Junior playground

Government updated guidance for supporting children's remote education

The Government has updated their guidance: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/supporting-your-childrens-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19?utm_source=16%20February%202021%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19 to provide more information for parents and carers as they support their children at home.

They have added top tips for supporting children during remote education and have also provided information on how to access online resources and services through your local library and online: Support for parents and carers to keep children and young people safe from online harm. https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-keeping-children-safe-online/coronavirus-covid-19-support-for-parents-and-carers-to-keep-children-safe-online?utm_source=16%20February%202021%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE

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Please read this open letter from the Secretary of State for Education to parents:

https://dfemedia.blog.gov.uk/2021/02/23/an-open-letter-from-education-secretary-gavin-williamson-to-parents-carers-and-guardians/?utm_source=24%20February%202021%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19

The updated guidance on what parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak?utm_source=24%20February%202021%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C

As stated in an earlier newsletter all staff at Lunsford are Covid testing twice a week as per guidelines for educational establishments and this is reflected in our updated risk assessment.

It is important to note that whilst identifying gaps in learning will be a priority, particularly in terms of Maths and English, we will devote significant time in the first week back to ensuring that pupil wellbeing is as good as it can be. Please do get in touch with your teachers if you are concerned or worried about your child.

School Headphones

During lockdown we invested in earphones so that each child can have their own set to replace the 30 headphones we currently have in school, which have become damaged due to wear and tear. This decision has been made as more devices are made available to students to enable them to use technology both within the classroom, computer suite and outside the classroom! Each set of headphones has been bagged and labelled individually so that children can become responsible for their own learning equipment. Last year our School Council started this process and agreed that as students will be provided with their own set of earphones they should then be responsible for replacing them should they become damaged thorough miss use (the cost to replace like for like would be in the region of £2) as they will become a part of our learning equipment. We are sure the children will be delighted and eager to use their new piece of school equipment.

Many thanks for your assistance with this.

With very best wishes,

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