

Lunt's Heath Primary School

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Dear Parents / Carers,

School will re-open for all pupils on Wednesday 2nd September 8.40am. I know that this news will be welcomed by most, but will be met with some anxiety by others concerned about their child's safety.

We are relieved and excited by this news because we know how important a school education is during these formative years. The children will be assured of a wonderful welcome from our staff, all of whom will be going the extra mile to meet their needs.

Government Guidance

All parents in England are being told that it is safe for all children to return to school full time in September. This is compulsory for all children; the Government is communicating public information messages via its different media outlets to allay your fears over safety.

<https://coronavirusresources.phe.gov.uk/schools-/resources/leaflets/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BiefaCf2fvY>

The Government released its first set of guidance for re-opening on the 2nd July with school Governing Bodies asked to prepare a Recovery Plan before the end of term. In the interests of safety for all school users, we have been asked by the Local Authority to share this plan for approval before we re-open in September.

I can give you my full assurance that we have followed Government guidance carefully and have taken every precautionary measure possible. Until this disease has been wiped out we will need to adjust our way of working to minimise the points of contact that could allow the infection to spread.

In the meantime everyone must do everything in their power to avoid letting their 'guard drop' once school is back in full session. I urge you to think carefully about your actions and your child's social mixing outside of school in helping to protect the integrity of the hygiene and control measures we will have in place, all of which are designed to keep children and adults healthy and safe, and our school environment COVID-19 free.

If there is an infection, either in a class or year group, then all of those children could have to be sent home to self-isolate.

Parent Survey

Thank you for responding to our request for information about your child. Many are proud of how their child has dealt with the change and challenge caused by the lack of routine offered by school, yet there is a significant commonality to what has been shared with many parents expressing concern for their child over the following:

1. Anxiety about their being out of the house with the risk of catching COVID-19 still in existence
2. Stress or grief they are experiencing as a result of a big life moment – birth of a sibling, loss of a family member / friend, loss of job, moving home

3. Mood changes or irregular behaviour – cheekier, angry, rude, lacking motivation
4. Sleep and exercise – not sleeping well, irregular sleep patterns, lack of exercise, increased screen time
5. School work – having done very little or not to a greater depth, my friends will have done more and will be further ahead, falling behind, work perceived to be of a poor standard, my child has not been challenged and I am worried how they will cope when they return
6. Friendships – will my friends still want to play with me, children feeling shy and reluctant to join in

This is an invaluable level of detail that will help us quickly repair social, emotional and academic aspects of learning. We will be using your shared insight to prepare our classroom climate, learning environment, and curriculum upon the children's immediate return.

What next?

As things stand, we envisage this being our final instruction regarding the re-start.

Children should present for school as normal on the first day of school – please read carefully the associated instructions that should answer all of your questions. Social distancing and other control measures will be in place that all children and adults are asked to adhere to for the safety and well-being of all concerned.

More detailed information on changes you can expect are contained below.

Yours sincerely,



Mr A Williams, Headteacher

***Please read on*

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COVID-19 Protocols from September 2020 UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO BE CHANGE THESE PROTOCOLS

Due to the current situation we find ourselves in, it is our absolute priority to keep children and adults safe within our school. We are going to do the best we can to minimise the risk of contracting and spreading COVID-19 however these measures mean that our school will be a different place to learn, play and work in for the time being.

Below are details of the measures that will be enforced throughout school; we expect everyone to demonstrate a shared commitment by respecting the guidelines and implementing them at all times. The health and wellbeing of our children, staff and all families is our principle concern and these measures will be strictly adhered to. Please note that these will be subject to change in light of new information or our own experiences and we will continue to maintain our communication with you throughout.

Attendance

- I. Statutory – mandated by the Government. Guidance issued says parents can be fined in cases of non-attendance
- II. No requests for Holiday in Term Time will be authorised during 2020-21
- III. No face coverings are to be worn
- IV. No temperature checks will be made
- V. Children should wear full school uniform (please see website for details)
- VI. You should inform the office immediately of any absence with details of illness.
- VII. There will be no temperature checks for children on arrival.
- VIII. Long hair should be tied back to minimise the contact of hands with face
- IX. **Face coverings are not required in school. If your child wears a face covering to school they will be asked to carefully remove it, dispose of it safely or keep it safe and wash their hands immediately they enter the building.**

Entry and Exit from School

Infants – there will be a one way system in operation; entry through Gate 4 (the foot gate), exit through the car park. Please take extreme care.

1. Please obey social distancing rules and be patient
2. To avoid overcrowding only one adult should attend per family.
3. If you have children in different year groups please all enter at the earlier time

Y1: 8.50am – 3.10pm via Gate 4 on Ryder Road and the infant playground – designated door for Y1

Y2: 8.40am – 3.15pm via Gate 4 on Ryder Road and the infant playground – designated door for Y2

Juniors

1. Please obey social distancing rules and be patient
2. To avoid overcrowding only one adult should attend per family.

Y3 8.45am via Gate 1 on Wedgewood Drive and the junior playground – 3.15pm exit to be collected by an adult from the junior playground via Gate 1

Y4 8.40am entry via Gate 1 on Wedgewood Drive and the junior playground – 3.15pm exit to be collected by an adult from the junior playground via Gate 1

Y5 8.40am entry via Gate 2 on Wedgewood Drive – 3.15pm exit via the same route

Y6 8.40am entry via Gate 3 (main entrance gate) on Wedgewood Drive – 3.15pm exit via the same route

Class Bubbles

- I. Details of your child's class teacher have now been issued
- II. A class of 30 is a 'bubble'
- III. Class seating has been arranged so that children are in rows and forward facing
- IV. Movement around the school for toilet breaks will be strictly supervised.

Illness and First Aid

- I. Children displaying any symptom or in a household where a relative is experiencing these **MUST NOT COME TO SCHOOL** and an isolation period of 7-14 days must commence. Following this, we will follow Public Health guidelines where all people in the 'bubble' can be sent home. Symptoms can be found on NHS website.
- II. If your child cannot attend school due to illness, parents need to notify school of their symptoms so we can respond accordingly. We are relying on the transparency of parents to help us protect our children, staff and community.
- III. Should your child become ill during the school day, they will be separated from the class and a first aider will attend making them as comfortable as possible in the Group Room. Children in the same bubble will remain in their class – if this is a COVID-19 related illness parents will be notified of the situation as soon as possible and provided with details of what to do next.
- IV. Parents should ensure the school is able to contact them at any point during the school day. Please check emergency numbers with the office if they have changed.
- V. Parents **MUST** collect child immediately after being contacted.
- VI. Regardless of incident or illness, a first aider will wear full PPE – face covering, apron and gloves.
- VII. Should a teacher fall ill then a cover teacher will attend until their return. Families will be notified if this illness is COVID-19 related.

Health and Safety Procedures

- I. Following any child / person with symptoms being identified in school, a deep clean of the classroom and affected areas will commence. A 'bubble' may not be able to attend whilst deep cleaning takes place.
- II. One-way routes within and around school are clearly signposted.
- III. Temporary out of bounds areas are demarcated.
- IV. All soft furnishing and resources i.e. cushions, soft toys / resources have been temporarily removed.
- V. Increased supervised hand washing will occur throughout the day.

Curriculum and Learning

- I. Timetables have been adjusted to reflect Government guidance and the need to fill learning gaps. There will be a greater emphasis on PSHE activity that supports children's mental health and well-being, mindfulness and relaxation

- exercises, and a 'bridging' curriculum for all subjects, in particular English and maths, to bring children quickly back to their expected standard.
- II. Teachers will continue to maintain reasonable distancing.
 - III. Homework expectations will be dramatically altered in the short term.
 - IV. There will be no assemblies.
 - V. PE lessons will avoid any contact. Children will be asked to attend school in their PE kit on PE days to avoid changing.
 - VI. There will be no after school clubs during the early part of the Autumn Term – this will be reviewed.

Equipment

- I. School jewellery rules still apply and will be enforced. Please ensure correct earrings are worn.
- II. A green book bag will be permitted – no other back packs or handbags should enter school.
- III. Water bottles – filled ready for school and taken home and washed thoroughly and replenished daily.
- IV. Packed lunch boxes only – children **must** be able to open food packaging by themselves.
- V. Hand sanitiser will be accessible for children in every classroom.

Break and Lunch times

- I. Break times for each new 'bubble' will be staggered.
- II. Children will not be allowed to socialise or mix with other 'bubbles'.
- III. Because of the longer morning sessions to accommodate staggered lunches, you may wish to provide a snack for morning break. All snacks must be healthy options (fruit preferable), and STRICTLY NO ITEMS CONTAINING NUTS.
- IV. Lunchtimes will be staggered – 'bubbles' will eat together. Children will be required to eat within an allocated time period.
- V. Lunchtime meal options are to be reduced. This is in the short term due to the extended lunchtime service. Please see menu on school website before booking.
- VI. We request that children eating school meals do so for a whole week at a time and not sporadic days.
- VII. Playground equipment will not be available to use including adventure playgrounds and climbing walls. This will be reviewed.

Parents and Teachers

- I. We need to keep the number of people entering the building via the school office to a minimum. Parents are asked to contact school via telephone or email to make enquiries, although teachers will be available for face-to-face conversations outside at the end of each day.
- II. We will make every effort to reply to email and telephone calls as quickly as possible – however, you should expect a short delay.
- III. Teachers are contactable via their school email that can be found on the class page of the school website.

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