



Lydbrook Primary School

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Dear Parents

I hope you and your family have had an enjoyable summer and your child is looking forward to returning to school! Our first day back is Monday 6th September.

We are very much looking forward to the start of the new term and catching up with you and your child again. We all hope for a year free from interruptions and home learning. We also hope, that in time, we will be able to establish much closer links with our parents again by inviting them to join us in school more and supporting the learning of your child.

Our response to the Covid situation is to withdraw restrictions slowly. We will be retaining most of the structures set up during the last academic year. As we receive more guidance from the Government on the impact of the restrictions being lifted and the impact of children returning to school, we will update our own risk assessments and guidance to you. This is expected by the end of September. I ask for all of your support in ensuring we continue to keep everyone safe at a time when cases are on the rise.

We all need to remain vigilant regarding our health and if anyone displays any symptoms it is important to stay at home and have a Lateral Flow test. If the result is positive then the LF test needs to be followed up with a PCR test. Self-isolation for 10 days will have to happen if the result of this test is positive and if it is a pupil, then remote home learning will be provided. This advice is now only for individuals with symptoms and does not apply to close contacts. This means that a case in a class does not mean the whole class has to isolate.

Class bubbles will now no longer operate. However, we will restrict mixing to a minimum e.g. outside play times. We will be starting assemblies again but with only 2 classes at a time and they will sit apart from the other class.

We will continue to operate high levels of good hygiene measures during school time with regular hand-washing, cleaning regimes and increased ventilation. Face coverings will be used when a member of staff is in close contact with a child who is not feeling well. All staff will continue to regularly test themselves. If a child is unwell and shows Covid symptoms then we will isolate the child and contact you for collection as soon as possible.

The start and end of the day will return to normal. Children should arrive no earlier than 8.45 a.m. and to arrive before 8.55 a.m. School time will end at 3.00 p.m. unless your child uses the school bus from Joys Green (see below for details). Children in Magpies, Jays and Hawks need to be brought to and collected from the allocated gate as we ask for parents to remain off-site until further notice unless you need to speak to a member of staff. Pupils in Owls and Robins can be brought to the classroom but to please respect social distancing and to wear a face covering when at the door. An adult will meet you at the door.

Separate gates to be used

Jays/Hawks – main gate

Magpies from the Kitchen gate

Owls/Robins from the lay-by side gate

There will remain 2 sittings for lunch-time with Owls and Magpies in the first sitting starting at 12.15 p.m. and Jays and Hawks sitting at 12.45 p.m. School dinners will run as normal. Please make sure that you have ordered your child's lunch by 12 midnight on Sunday through the Parentpay online booking system.

The Joys Green bus will leave at 8.35 a.m. in the morning from the Green and return between 3.00 -3.05 p.m after leaving Lydbrook at 2.55 p.m. The rest of school will come out of class at 3.00 p.m. and will use the same gate as in the morning.

As a school we are required to update our risk assessment regularly and to “scale up or scale down” depending on the situation. Tighter restrictions may have to be re-imposed if there is an increase in cases and we will communicate this to you.

For PE, we ask for the children in Magpies (Fridays), Jays (Mondays from the 13th September) and Hawks (Tuesday) to come to school in their PE kits. For Owls, a PE kit will need to be brought into school as we would like the children to be able to practice their dressing skills whilst in school as this is part of their curriculum.

Can I also ask for bags to be kept to a minimum size as the children only need to bring in their book-bag and packed lunch if they are not a school dinner. Thank you.

We look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday and enjoy the weekend!

Best wishes

S. T. Lusted
Headteacher