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Learning Together for Life

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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope that you are having a lovely summer holiday and have been enjoying opportunities to go out and about. This newsletter is to give you updated information regarding the school reopening on Monday 6th September 2021.

COVID 19 update:

Infection Control Measures

We continue to follow the DFE and Public Health guidance for COVID19 infection control measures. You can continue to help us by:

- Not sending your child to school if they have a high temperature, new cough or loss or change in smell or taste. If this is the case please arrange a PCR test; not a lateral flow test.
- Bringing your child to school as close to the start time as possible.
- Only one adult on site when dropping off or collecting children.
- Wearing a face covering on site if you choose to.
- Ensuring your child has washed their hands before they leave for school and upon arriving home.

The latest guidance for parents can be found at:

<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/step-4-update-what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges>

We are no longer required to be in class 'bubbles' and the children will be able to mix with their year group peers at play and lunch times.

We will continue with the following system of controls:

1. **Ensure good hygiene for everyone.**
2. **Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes.**
3. **Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.**
4. **Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.**

From 19th July, NHS Test and Trace have worked with the positive cases to identify close contacts. This is likely to be a small number of individuals who would be most at risk of contracting COVID-19 due to the nature of the close contact. As parents or carers, you may be contacted to help with identifying close contacts.

Individuals **are not required to self-isolate** if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, and **any of the following apply**:

- they are fully vaccinated
- they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months
- they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Instead, NHS Test and Trace will inform affected individuals, children or their parents or carers that they have been in close contact with a positive case, and advise them to take a PCR test.

We would encourage everyone to take a PCR test if advised to do so.

The start of the school day will return to 8.45am. School will finish for Reception and Key Stage One children at 3.15pm and for Key Stage Two children at 3.20pm.

Teachers will be out on the playground from 8.35am if you need to speak to them when you drop off your child. When you arrive at school, please drop off your child in their class line to avoid congestion in the playgrounds:

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EYFS – please walk down the side of the Children’s Centre and into the Early Years’ garden

KS1 – please bring your child into the KS1 playground

Year 3/4 – please use the side gate next to the car park

Year 5/6 – please use the gate next to the park entrance

Uniform

We would like to remind you that from September, children will be required to wear a blue tracksuit or black in the first instance if you have already purchased one for P.E. These are available from the [uniform shop at De Aston](#) or other retailers. Children will be able to come into school in their P.E. kit as they were doing before the holiday. If you have any questions about P.E uniform next year please contact Mr Toothill.

Monday – Swallows / Kites

Tuesday – Ospreys / Eagles / Robins / Kestrels

Wednesday – Falcons / Harriers / Martins / Merlins

Friday – Kites / Finches

Swimming

Swimming will begin again the week beginning Monday 13th September and will take place weekly until October half term. Please wear PE kit on these days for the first week back.

Monday – Falcons / Eagles

Tuesday – Finches / Harriers

Wednesday – Kestrels / Robins

Thursday – Martins / Merlins

Friday – Swallows / Ospreys / Kites

Hot Dinners

Please ensure you have ordered your child’s hot meals through Wisepay. The deadline for ordering meals for the first week back is midnight on Monday 30th August.

For our new Reception parents, lunches will have been ordered for you if you requested them.

If your child is bringing a packed lunch, please ensure you continue to follow our Packed Lunch Policy which can be found on the school websites:

<https://www.marketrasen.lincs.sch.uk/parents.php>

<https://www.nettleton.lincs.sch.uk/parents.php#Policies>

Reading Books

Your child will be bringing home a new reading book by the end of the first week. Please be aware that in Key Stage One, the children will be recapping some phonics phases and they may bring home some books they have read for further consolidation.

Please continue to support your child by hearing them read regularly at home and record any additional books your child reads that are not part of the reading scheme. It is always lovely to see books children have been enjoying at home.

I would like to thank you all for following the guidance over the past months and supporting our efforts to continue to ensure our whole community is safer.

I hope your child has a lovely start to the new school year.

If you have any queries about any aspect of school life, as ever, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Nichola Allerston
Acting Executive Headteacher

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