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Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2021

### Re:- Welcoming All Pupils Back on March 8th

Dear Parents,

I hope that this letter finds you and your family well; it isn't long now until we will all be back together again.

As promised last week, I am writing to you to share with you further details and arrangements regarding the wider opening and return to school for all children from Monday 8th March. We have been working hard to ensure that our arrangements for next week are detailed and that we are fully prepared to safely welcome back all of our children.

All of the details I am going on to share will both look and feel familiar to those that were in place in September and reflect the continual focus on ensuring everyone's safety. It has now been many weeks since our children who have been learning at home have been in school; with this in mind, please can you share relevant information with your children so that they feel as ready as possible to return. Mr Grinsill and I are also hosting the 'Tea and Talk' session this Thursday from 12.45 – 1.30pm to answer any questions you may have. If you contact Miss Lea in the office, she will be able to share the link with you.

As a school, we have been working across the Trust with other Heads and leaders, including our Trust Premises and Safety Lead, ensuring robust planning to support all children to return in a safe and happy way. The welfare and safety of our children and indeed our whole school community, is of the utmost importance. The National Lockdown is still in place and we are following the same stringent systems of controls we were in the Autumn Term. I know the vast majority of us are all familiar with these now but this letter will hopefully be a timely reminder of these.

A parent version of our latest whole school risk assessment is attached to this email for your reference. I have highlighted in red, any changes that have been made.

#### 1. What will school look like and feel like for my child?

We recognise that some children, who have not been in school during the recent months, may have mixed emotions about returning to school full time and that some may adapt more quickly to being back in the school environment while others will need a little longer. With this in mind, we have adapted our curriculum to take into account children's emotional wellbeing and will be focussing on the importance of establishing routines and structures and quickly rebuilding relationships and friendships in the first few days back.



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## **2. How will children be organised?**

Children will be working predominantly in their class bubble with their class teacher when they return to school and this will feel familiar to them. The Government guidelines state that children need to be in bubbles to reduce mixing and to make it quicker and easier to track and trace in the event of a positive case; however, there will be occasions when some children will be in more than one bubble for example if they are on the RWINC programme. These will be closely monitored and reassessed regularly.

Our aim is to minimise the contact between the bubbles. This can be achieved by keeping bubbles separate and through maintaining distance between individuals within them.

We will not be coming together as a whole school for Acts of Worship and these collective events will be held virtually, which has proved successful over the past few months in school and gives all members of our school community the chance to connect each week.

## **3. Are children expected to socially distance in school?**

No. Once in bubbles, 2m social distancing is not required but children will be encouraged to stay as far apart as possible and we aim to minimise contact between adults and children. With our youngest children, the emphasis will be on separating groups and with our oldest children, it will be on distancing. All children will be sat at desks seated side by side and facing forwards from Year 3 upwards.

## **4. Are adults expected to socially distance in school?**

The overarching principle (as stated in the DfE guideline) is to reduce the number of contacts between children and staff. Ideally, adults will maintain a 2m distance from each other and from the children. We are aware this will not always be possible especially when working with younger children. For children old enough, they will be supported to maintain distance and not touch staff or each other where possible.

## **5. Where will I drop off and collect my child from each day and what time will this be?**

On arrival at school at the start and end of the day, social distancing is still an expectation and is something that we all need to do to keep our children and ourselves safe. To support this, there will be a specific gate and time for each class to come into and leave school and in some locations, there will be a one way system.

At the start and end of the day, the children will be met at one of the school gates by a member of the Leadership Team or the Admin Team and your child's teacher will meet them just inside the gate. On entering the gate/school, they will apply some hand sanitiser and be taken or directed into the classroom. We will require you to leave your child at the gate and unfortunately, parents will not be allowed on site unless there is an emergency.

Please note the timings of the day for your child – it is important that everyone sticks to these times as they help to ensure that bubbles remain safe. This will help us to control the risk for our whole

school and the wider community. Following significant parent feedback, we have reduced the drop-off and pick-up times to a 5 minute window instead of 10 minutes.

Could we also ask that only one parent does the drop off and pick-up each day? Thank you for your support with this. If you have siblings, whose drop—off and collection are at the same time, please do one at the start of then 5 minute slot and one at the end. Staff will be understanding if your child is collected 1 or 2 minutes after their time.

<i>Class</i>	<i>Teacher</i>	<i>Drop off time and point</i>	<i>Collection point and time</i>
Willows – Reception	Mrs Smith/Mrs Pook	Lane gate 8.35 – 8.40 am	Lane gate 2.55 – 3.00 pm
Rowans – Year 1	Miss Cross	Lane gate 8.30 – 8.35 am	Lane gate 2.50 – 2.55 pm
Beeches – Year 2	Miss Conibere	Main school gate 8.30 – 8.35 am	Main school gate 2.50 – 2.55 pm
Maples – Year 3	Mr Grinsill	Main school gate 8.40 – 8.45am	Main school gate 3.00 – 3.05pm
Hollies – Year 4	Mrs Mullane	Main school gate 8.35 – 8.40 am	Main school gate 2.55 – 3.00 pm
Oaks – Year 5	Mr Hollingsworth	Fountain gate 8.35 – 8.40 am	Fountain gate 2.55 – 3.00pm
Monkey Puzzles – Year 6	Mr Shelling	Fountain gate 8.30 – 8.35 am	Fountain gate 2.50 – 2.55 pm

### **If dropping your child at the lane gate; (Reception and Year 1 only)**

- Please observe the one-way system on the lane and walk down the lane from the church towards the school gate. You will see markers on the railings for you to stand safely at 2m apart and wait for the gates to open.



### **In order for our system to work and for us to keep everyone safe, it is important that you follow these simple guidelines.**

- On dropping your child off at the gate, please walk down the lane towards the shops and do not go back up the lane. This may add a couple of minutes to your time but this will help us to keep everyone 2m apart.



At the end of the day, please observe the same one-way system and queue at the same place and we will call you forward to collect your child safely.

When queuing to either drop-off or pick-up, please could each set of parents queue on opposite sides of the lane and maintain the distance between so that the lane is clear down the middle. Can you also keep your children with you at all times? Thank you.

Please could Reception parents always queue on the side of the lane near the church.



Please could Year 1 parents always queue on the side of the lane near the school.

### **If dropping your child at the main gate; (Years 2, 3 and 4)**

When dropping your child off, please observe the one-way system on the main road (there are signs on the school fence to show you) and please can you queue up ready to come in only on one side of the main gate. Opposite 'Me and Mrs Jones' all the way up towards the 'Co-op', you will see orange markers on the fence. These are 2m apart and these will allow you to queue safely with your child. Please can you only queue on this side of the main gate.



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- Once you have dropped your child off at the main gate, please continue straight on and then cross the road if you need to. Please can you not double back on the rest of the queue and please can you not walk up the lane at this time as other parents will be dropping off their children and we are observing a strict one-way system there, too.

At the end of the day, please observe the same one-way system and queue at the same place and we will call you forward to collect your child safely.

Please can you queue at your child's designated time and not queue early as the parents from other classes will need to drop their children off first.

## If dropping your child at the fountain gate; (Years 5 and 6)

- When dropping your child off, please look for the orange markers on the railings. These are 2m apart and these will allow you to queue safely with your child.



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- Once you have dropped your child off at the side gate, please be careful not to walk along the front of the school where other children will be queuing with their parents.



- At the end of the day, please queue at the same place and we will call you forward to collect your child safely.

It was noticed during the Autumn term that children were playing on the grass area and crossing bubbles. Please can you ask your older children not to do that. Thank you for your support with this.

### 6. How do I make contact with the class teacher?

There will not be an opportunity to speak to the class teacher at the start or end of the day in the playground. For any queries you may have, please call or email the office and the class teacher will make contact with you at their earliest convenience.

### 7. How do I make contact with the school office?

Please continue to use the usual lines of communication to do this. You can telephone in, use the MyED app, or email in on [ilsham@lpsw.org](mailto:ilsham@lpsw.org)

### 8. Will Breakfast Club, After School Club and extra-curricular clubs run?

*Breakfast club* - **No.**

Following consultation parents and little to no demand, there will be no Breakfast Club facility for the first half of the Summer term. This will be reviewed every half term and we will continue to ask parents at intervals whether there is a need to reinstate the club again.

*After School Club at Ilsham* - **No.**

This after school provision that used to run from 3 - 3.30pm for a small charge will not be running again at the school. All children will need to be collected promptly as stated on the information in number 5.

*After School Club at Warberry until 6pm* - **No.**

For an initial period, this will not be an option but will be reviewed regularly. Once our children can safely access the after school club again, we will notify parents.

*Extra-curricular clubs* - **No.** It is not feasible to run our usual after school sporting and art clubs etc. We will review this half termly.

### **9. What will my child need to bring into school each day?**

Only bring into school what is required for the day

- Lunchboxes
- Water bottle (must be water and not juice)
- Full school uniform
- P.E. kits on P.E. days only (days to be confirmed by the teacher by the end of this week)

The only permitted items will be packed lunch boxes and water bottles. **Please leave all school bags, toys and equipment at home as these will not be permitted on site. Also, we will not be able to have scooters or bicycles on site for the foreseeable future.**

### **10. What about attendance and uniform?**

From March, government guidance states that attendance is compulsory as it was prior to lockdown. We are expecting to see all of our children in school uniform from Monday 8th March. In line with Government guidance, the expectation is that all children will return in full school uniform.

### **11. How will lunchtime work?**

All children will be able to order a school meal as normal. We ask that all other children bring a packed lunch to school. Please also send in a water bottle with just water in. The children will eat in their bubbles in their classrooms and not in the dining hall.

### **12. Will staff be wearing PPE? Will the children be wearing masks?**

Staff in schools are not required to use PPE and children are not required to wear masks. Where a child needs first aid or shows symptoms of Covid-19, they will be attended to by a member of staff wearing PPE if necessary following Government guidelines.

### **13. What happens if a child or adult starts coughing or displaying other symptoms?**

If a child or an adult in a bubble starts coughing, we will call the parents immediately and ask you to collect your child and advise parents to take the test and advice will be given on how this can be carried out. We will liaise with Public Health England following the Torbay guidelines.

### **14. What happens if a child or adult is symptomatic or tests positive for COVID-19?**

As before, if a child or adult in a class starts coughing, we will call the parents immediately and ask you to collect them or request that adults go home. Upon collection, parents are asked to phone 111 and organise a PCR test. Once the test results are returned, they must notify the school. If the test is positive, national guidelines state that you should isolate for 10 full days from the test result. Family members must also isolate for 10 days and get a test if they begin to show symptoms themselves. If it is negative, they may return to school as soon as they are well enough.

Remote learning will be set for any children who cannot attend school (who are well) and are having to isolate due to family members testing positive. Remote learning will not be set for children who are unwell.



We ask that our families cooperate with us to support the work of the national Track and Trace system when necessary.

**15. Can my child wear a face mask?**

No. As stated in all Government guidance, there is no requirement or need at this time for children in primary schools to wear face masks. If this guidance changes, we will notify you.

And finally, thank you so much for your support and understanding over what has been an extraordinary three months. We have appreciated your ongoing feedback, too. The Ilsham Team send you their very best wishes and look forward to seeing you all on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. If you have any queries or concerns, please contact the school office before the end of the week and we will do our very best to support you.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "D.A. Ryan".

*Dawn Ryan* (Head of Academy)