

# Langar C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Thank you for your positive response to our proposal for getting all children back in to school before the summer holidays. We are exceptionally proud of the fact we have fulfilled this ambition as we are still hearing about local schools who have capped provision to only KS1; others who have allowed children back on a first come, first served basis meaning some children have not been allocated a place; some who are still only open to key workers and others who aren't opening until next week. We do hope that by widening our invitation to you all demonstrates the love we have for your children and the fair way in which we have tried to carry out the planning.

I know that this week has been particularly challenging for many families. The poor weather combined with the feeling of monotony that routine brings has taken some families to the lowest point yet.

Please utilise the resources we have shared on the website if you feel this way:

<https://www.langar.notts.sch.uk/parent-support/>. We have also reflected on the home learning tasks being set and feel that for some families the enthusiasm and engagement shown over the past three months is possibly waning. We are going to offer a little more variety in the content of these over the next few weeks and hope that that will generate a new energy in your children.

Some questions have arisen in emails from parents about the houses returning so I thought I would address them as you may also be wondering the same.

## **My child is worrying that they are not in a house group with their friends.**

We organised school return in houses rather than year groups as Mr Zisaruk-Gibson is our only available member of staff to host the returning groups. Rather than this meaning some children were with him as their familiar class teacher and others not, we decided to put children into houses instead. This also means that the older children can mentor and support the younger children who are returning for whom this could be a nerve-racking experience as they will be in an unfamiliar classroom with a new teacher. We know your children and are aware of houses where there are single boys and girls from particular year groups. If we anticipate an issue, we will get in touch. Although we are very happy to be flexible and accommodate your child's needs we also have to be realistic about the amount of time that has already gone into the organisation of reopening and know when to stop planning and arranging and start welcoming children in.

## **What does my child need to bring?**

A water bottle, packed lunch, coat or suncream if needed and a pencil case with basic supplies (such as a pencil, coloured pencils, rubber, pen for writing etc).

**My child is currently in the Key Worker group, will they swap to the house bubble?**

No! The provision we are offering is to ensure that every child can have the opportunity to come into school before the end of term. If your child is already in school they have already accessed this opportunity and will continue to do so.

**I am still not sure if I would like my child to return. Can I change my mind?**

Of course you can. We are learning new information about viral spread, the risks to certain groups and changes to government guidance every week. This informs how you feel about your children returning to school. Just get in touch with us via the office email to let us know in advance of the date you have been given.

**I have children in two different house groups, can they not be moved to be together?**

You know the relationship your children have; some siblings may be craving space from each other whilst others will find comfort in remaining together after being together for such a prolonged period of time. Get in touch and let us know if you would rather they came in together.

I do hope this alleviates any concerns you may have had. We are so looking forward to seeing you and your children and wish to make reentry to school as smooth as possible.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'B' followed by a horizontal line that ends in a small arrowhead.

Mrs Brown