Langar C of E Primary School

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01949 860056 3rd March 2021

Dear Parents,

We have been so proud of the way in which you have worked in partnership with us to ensure quality learning has continued for your children. Words will never be enough to thank you for your positivity, kind wishes and messages of support.

We are all really looking forward to seeing you and your children walking back through our gates on Monday and can only hope that this is a sign of a slow return to more normal ways of living. Many of the routines and structures will be familiar to you now as we will be reinstating these as they were before Christmas. However, I thought it would be useful for you if I highlighted some of the main points.

All of the documents relating to the reopening of school are on the website in the policies and forms section https://langar-cofe-primary.secure-primarysite.net/covid-19/ and you can read about our Revive, Renew and Recover curriculum plan here Covid-19 Recovery Planning | Langar C of E Primary School (secure-primarysite.net). As stated from the start of this process we will regularly and continuously review and amend our plans and risk assessments as the situation changes.

Attendance

It is vital that all children return to school - for their educational progress, for their wellbeing, and for their wider development. School attendance will again be mandatory from Monday 8th March. This means that the legal duty on you as a parent to send your child to school daily will apply. The only exception to this are clinically extremely vulnerable children who have been issued with a letter to shield, children who are poorly (Covid-19 or otherwise) or children who are self-isolating due to a close contact with a positive Covid-19 case. If your child falls into one of these categories and will be absent, please follow the usual procedure for reporting to the office.

Parking

Please meet our usual expectations for parking around school. Show care and consideration for each other and your children when choosing where to park. Although parents have been pulling into the carpark when dropping off work and collecting packs, the car park is for staff and visitors only and you are not permitted to park in there unless utilising the disabled space.

Social Distancing Between Adults

It is important to remember, that although schools are returning and giving a sense of normality to children, lockdown measures remain in place in all other areas of our lives. It is imperative that you abide by government regulations to ensure the safety of all members of our school community. As acknowledged in the government guidance, in KS1 especially, it is impossible for staff to socially distance from children. Therefore, any positive Covid-19 contacts made by your children outside of school puts our staff, and the other children in the bubble at risk of transmission of the virus.

The staggered start and end of the day has worked very well to help maintain social distancing between families. Please remember, it is vital that you stick to the timings that you have been allocated, and leave the site swiftly once you have dropped off or collected your child.

Start of Day	8.40 AM	8.45AM	8.50AM
	Group 1 Surnames – A to J inclusive	Group 2 – Surnames K to P inclusive	Group 3 – Surnames R to W
End of Day	3.10PM	3.15PM	3.20PM
	Group 1 Surnames – A to J	Group 2 – Surnames K to P	Group 3 – Surnames R to W
	inclusive	inclusive	

The route into and out of school will continue to be the same one-way system it was—coming in the main entrance onto the playground, following the path around the back of school to exit the gate by the kitchen and out through the car park for Key Stage one, and entering the same way for Key Stage 2 but exiting through the side gate by class 4 into the car park.

Please show respect for our rules and ensure you follow this route, even if the route is clear behind you.

Face Coverings

Although not mandatory in the government guidance, we feel the wearing of face coverings in communal areas is an important reminder to us all about the pandemic we are in and social distancing measures needed to keep us safe. Staff will be wearing face masks whenever social distancing is not guaranteed or possible. Therefore, we would like all adults to wear a face covering when coming on site. This is a sign of respect for all members of our community that we are all playing our part.

If you have an exemption, then please phone the office to make this known. Otherwise adults without one will not be permitted on site and will have to drop their children at the gate.

Child Care

With more parents being asked to go into their places of work we are expecting a higher demand for childcare. Out of School Club will be resuming in their new location in the hall and implementing measures to distance children in separate bubbles. If you wish to book a place, please contact Donna or Emma on *01949 862995*.

Childcare bubbles and support bubbles are both still permitted, but you can only form a support bubble with another household of any size if you meet the <u>eligibility rules</u>. It is against the law to form a support bubble if you do not follow rules.

You are permitted to leave your home to visit your support bubble (and to stay overnight with them). However, if you form a support bubble, it is best if this is with a household who live locally. This will help prevent the virus spreading from an area where more people are infected. If you live in a household with anyone aged under 14, you can form a childcare bubble. This allows friends or family from one other household to provide informal childcare. You must not meet socially with your childcare bubble, and must avoid seeing members of your childcare and support bubbles at the same time. Additionally, a parent can exercise with any number of children from their own household or support bubble. If a parent is meeting one other person for outdoor exercise who is not in their own household or support bubble, children under 5 would be exempt from this gathering limit.

See here for separate guidance for support bubbles and childcare bubbles.

Class Bubbles

We have formed three bubbles of children in school – KS1, class 3 and class 4. These bubbles will not mix at any point of the day. This is for two reasons; to prevent the spread of the virus and to lessen the impact should there be a positive Covid-19 case. However, staff are permitted to work across bubbles as long as hand hygiene and social distancing measures are adhered to.

Extra-Curricular and Visitors

The Department for Education are encouraging schools to deliver a full and rounded curriculum and to welcome back specialist teachers who make this possible. Please watch out for separate letters on this as instrumental lessons, Forest Bugs and Tennis will resume in the near future. These teachers will be invited to take part in the lateral Flow Testing scheme and will all be following our risk assessments and plans.

School Uniform

Children will be expected to wear full school uniform when they return to school – *including school shoes not trainers*. This will create a feeling of familiarity for the children and ensure that they are ready for learning. On the days when classes have PE, we will continue to wear PE uniform all day.

The PE indoor uniform is a yellow or white t-shirt, black or navy blue shorts and plimsolls/ trainers. The outdoor PE uniform is a yellow or white t-shirt; black, navy blue or grey tracksuit bottoms or leggings; a navy blue SCHOOL jumper and trainers.

Personal Belongings

We wish to limit the amount of belongings coming to and from school. Children are welcome to bring a school bag and reading books will be issued, non-essential items may be left outside or sent home with parents. Water bottles should be supplied from home and taken home daily to be washed and refilled.

Finally

By sending your children into school, you are agreeing to uphold the principals on the home/school agreement as shared on the website Microsoft Word - home school agreement (primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com). We remain committed to keeping our school community safe and secure and need you to play your part in this too. If we have evidence that your child has mixed with anyone outside of your family, support or childcare bubble you will be asked to keep your child at home with you to self-isolate for 14 days in line with national guidance.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Emily Brown - Head Teacher

Gracious and loving God, I get scared and nervous about the future. But I know that the future is in Your hands. Be with me as I go through this day. Help me to make good decisions, and be with me each step of the way. I know that your plans are for good.

Thank you for giving me hope toward the future. Amen.

[Based on Jeremiah 29:11] DailyPrayerGuide.net