

Langar C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents,

As the end of year draws to a close, so do the restrictions and rules that have been in place to prevent the spread of Covid-19. The policies and procedures we put in place at school have worked really well, and we are delighted that we have managed to get to this final week without any bubble having to be closed. The way in which the school community have abided by these structures has been amazing, and we are so grateful for your support and co-operation.

As two year groups of children and parents have only ever known school routines in their current set up, we carried out a health and safety review, reflected on the staff and parent questionnaires in order to set the routines and arrangements for September. Please ensure you familiarise yourself with these now, and again before we return in September.

Attendance

It is vital that all children have good attendance; for their educational progress, for their wellbeing, and for their wider development. Good school attendance is set as 97% and above which equates to 184 days out of the total of 190. There are obviously circumstances in which your child may need a day off school. The authorisation of absences is left to the head teacher's discretion but as a general rule, children receive an authorised absence mark for illness, medical appointments or exceptional circumstances such as weddings and funerals. Holidays or days out during term time are marked as unauthorised absence. Government guidance will need to be followed by anyone displaying Covid-19 symptoms [When to self-isolate and what to do - Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#) and Test and Trace will contact anyone who they believe to be a close contact who will also need to self-isolate. As with all other guidance from the Government, this may change before we return to school and we will alter our expectations accordingly.

Arriving punctually at school further ensures children access a full education and start the day settled and ready to learn. Being ten minutes late each morning for a week, equates to missing 50 minutes of learning which across a half term is 5 hours!

Access to School – Start and End of the Day

The school gate will be open from 8.35am with entry to the school building from 8.40am. Registration takes place at 8.50am. Children are permitted to enter school at any point during these ten minutes. This allows parents a softer start to the day and a slightly staggered start for parking and drop off.

All parents and children will access the grounds via the main school gate which is on Barnstone Road and exit this way too. The disabled parking bay may be used on request, but only for parents or children requiring wheelchair access. Classes 3 and 4 will enter the school via their external classroom doors and exit this way at the end of the day. Classes 1 and 2 will come into school via the front door off the playground which enters the

class 1 and 2 corridor. This entrance will be manned by a different member of staff each morning whilst class teachers settle and welcome the children coming into the classroom.

The school day ends at 3.20pm. Gates will be opened at 3.10pm to ensure that you are on the school site by the time your child comes out of school. Classes 3 and 4 parents can wait where visible to their children, either on the playground, around the outdoor classroom or reflection garden and the children will exit via their classroom doors. Parents of children in classes 1 and 2 should wait on the playground and the children will be brought around the building onto the playground for dismissal. If children are not collected by 3.30pm, they will be brought into school to wait by the school office so that staff can start their after school duties. The gates will be closed at this time and parents will need to come to the office to collect them.

Communication with Teachers

The morning is a difficult time for teachers to talk with you as they are busy settling and teaching their class, however we know there may be messages you need to pass on. Please make an appointment to talk to your child's teacher about anything substantial, send an email for minor messages, or pass them on via the office or the staff member on door duty.

Teachers have opted for you to use their school emails rather than class email addresses which will no longer be active:

Reception - Mrs Richardson – joannerichardson1@langar.notts.sch.uk

Year 1 - Mrs Turner – kturner1@langar.notts.sch.uk

Year 2 - Mrs Mills – sharonmills1@langar.notts.sch.uk

Year 3/4 - Mr Zisaruk-Gibson – lgibson1@langar.notts.sch.uk

Year 5/6 - Mr Owen-Jones – dowenjones1@langar.notts.sch.uk

The School Office – office@langar.notts.sch.uk

Parking

Parking around our school, as in most schools, has always been a contentious, and dangerous issue. Please remain thoughtful when choosing where to park, and consider parking away from the school site and then walking up. There is parking available near church and at The Unicorn pub.

The car park is for staff and deliveries and **not for parents**. The only exception to this are those requiring a disabled parking space. The disabled parking bay must always be kept clear and is for anyone needing wheelchair access. Following our health and safety audit, it was noted that a number of parents have got into the habit of pulling into the car park when arriving late, or dropping things off in school and often park in front of the office. We have been advised that this is a breach of our health and safety policy as emergency vehicle access is required at all times.

Play Areas

A considerable amount of money has been spent on improving our school grounds. Please respect our planting and equipment by exiting the site promptly and supervising your children closely. Children should not play on our school equipment when not attended by school staff.

We are fortunate to have a large, public playing field, MUGA, running track and climbing frames. These can be used straight after school and out of school hours, by accessing the gate via the path that runs along the outside fence of the playground. The health and safety audit highlighted the climbing frames on the field as being high risk activities. As a consequence, we will not use these during school time but will leave them for your children's

enjoyment outside of school hours. Please note that the larger climbing frame is suitable for children who are 8 and over.

Child Care

With more parents being asked to go back into their places of work we are expecting a higher demand for childcare in September. Out of School Club will be continuing to run in their new location in the hall. If you wish to book a place, please contact Donna or Emma on 01949 862995.

Lunchtime

Lunchtime will take on a more familiar form, with all children eating lunch in the hall and taking playtime at the same time. However, during a staff review of our current set-up, several elements of our current arrangement have had such a positive impact that we have decided to keep them. Playtime will be taken prior to eating, at 11.30am till 12.00pm before all children eat together in class tables in the hall.

School Uniform

As is usual, children will be expected to wear full school uniform including school shoes *not trainers*. 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. Any child in non - uniform sportswear will be asked to remove it and will be provided with a plain t-shirt.

Parents in School

With restrictions lifted, we have a full calendar planned for the year ahead and are looking forward to being able to welcome you back into school. Dates and events will be shared via newsletters and the website. Please ensure you have downloaded the School App to ensure you are kept up to date.


I wish you all a safe and happy summer and thank you, as ever, for your positivity, flexibility, kindness and support. Although this year has been a real challenge, it is an honour and privilege to have led Langar Church of England Primary School through it.



With very best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Mrs Brown'.

Mrs Brown



At the end of this school year we give thanks to God:

For all the teaching and learning that has taken place in our school, our classrooms, and in our homes;

For the talents and gifts that have been shared, and the challenges that have been faced;

For the burdens that have been lifted, and the hurts that have been healed;

For the respect and care that has been given.

We give thanks for the friendships that have just begun, and for those that have grown;

For the faith that has been lived in our daily struggles;

For the hope that has lifted our hearts on the dark days, and for the love that has kept us going.

We give thanks for the community that we are, and we ask you Lord to bless our families as we begin our time apart from each other.

May our time shared together leave us with memories to cherish.

Pour out your love on us that we may return renewed and refreshed to continue our journey together.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.