

LINGDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

"Working together to be the best we can be"

Monday 1st June 2020

Dear Parent/Carers,

I hope you are all keeping safe and well. I have set out more detailed arrangements below for those returning:

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Over the last couple of weeks, robust risk assessments have been developed considering risks specifically associated with Coronavirus. Control measures specific to our school have been agreed in order to minimise those risks as far as we are able to. All staff and pupils can now have access to testing. If you wish to have your child tested, you can find details of testing stations at <http://www.durham.gov.uk/article/23264/Covid-19-coronavirus-testing-info>

Should any test come back positive, rapid action will be taken to ensure that the school continues to be a safe environment for all. Any affected pupil or staff member who tests positive will be required to self-isolate at home for 14 days, as will any pupils and members of staff they have been in close contact with (e.g. the rest of their bubble). As previously mentioned, the layout of school and structure of the day will change to accommodate Government guidelines.

What will school look like for my child in the week beginning 8th June?

Children will not be returning to school as they previously knew it and it will look and feel different for them. We will work in smaller class groups or 'bubbles', consisting of a maximum 4/6 children (based upon risk assessment and associated staff). This will allow us to minimise interaction between individuals whilst they are in school.

To allow for this, your child may not be taught by their own teacher and may not come back to their own classroom.

- Classrooms will be set up differently to support social distancing.
- Children will see more signage around school to support their understanding of how they are expected to move around school.
- Common spaces will be marked to encourage children to adhere to social distancing. A one way system will be set up wherever possible, to minimise face-to-face contact between pupils and make it easier to follow social distancing guidance.
- Start/ finish times, breaks and lunches will be staggered. Children will eat lunch and play in the playground within their 'bubbles'.
- Each bubble will have access to a specified toilet area and children will be allowed in one at a time. Cleaning of the toilets will take place more regularly throughout the day. Please note that to allow for this each toilet block will become 'unisex' as opposed to boys and girls facilities.
- There will be no assemblies or other events that require children to congregate together.
- Classes will use minimal resources and a robust cleaning schedule is in place to ensure items are cleaned regularly.
- Children will have their own work packs and will not be sharing resources. **No parents** will be allowed on site unless in an emergency. Please queue at the white lines at the entrance to school where staff will meet you.
- Children will need to bring their own water bottle every day.
- All children will be provided with a packed lunch no externally produced lunches are to be brought into school.
- The curriculum in school will mirror home learning.
- The weekly curriculum will have an increased focus on mental health and personal, social and emotional education.
- Outdoor learning will be part of the curriculum every day where possible.
- Staff providing any intimate care will be using PPE including face masks. No other staff will be wearing PPE unless they are looking after a child who is experiencing COVID symptoms. When children first return to school, teachers will explain that they may see adults wearing masks from time to time, which will hopefully help them to feel less worried.
- All events and school trips have been cancelled for the summer term. Please discuss these changes with your children prior to their return. Staff who are not in school will continue to support home learning, which will continue in its current format.
- Continue to communicate openly with your child about how they are feeling; remember we are here to support you, so please flag with your child's teacher if you need any help or have any questions.
- Help reinforce messages about good hygiene, hand washing and social distancing, as per Government guidelines. Continue to encourage good infection control practices, such as thorough handwashing, at home and keep your child informed about the things they can do to discourage the spread of infection.
- Please send your children to school in clean, laundered clothing each day and wash hair daily.
- As per the current NHS and Government advice, you should keep your child at home for a period of 14 days if they develop Coronavirus symptoms. Symptoms include a high temperature or a new, continuous cough. They may also complain of losing their sense of smell or taste. Where symptoms continue after 7 days, or begin to worsen, you should call 111. If someone in your child's household has symptoms, your child must self-isolate for 14 days from the day the other person's symptoms started. This is because it can take 14 days for symptoms to appear.

More information regarding symptoms and actions can be found on the NHS website <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

If you think your child may have been exposed to or has coronavirus, please contact the school on 01287 651723 at the earliest opportunity.

What will my child need to wear?

- Pupils will be encouraged to wear school uniform wherever possible. If you cannot manage to provide clean uniform every-day, other clothing is acceptable but whatever is worn needs to be clean each day. Normal school rules will apply with no jewellery allowed.
- If you choose to send your child in their own clothing, then please ensure it is suitable for outdoor play/ PE to avoid the need to change in school. Tracksuit bottoms/ leggings/ shorts/ T-shirts and sweatshirts are ideal. Suitable footwear should also be worn e.g. trainers.
- As the weather becomes warmer, please ensure your child is adequately protected with a sun hat, shoulders covered up at all times and ensure sun cream is applied at home. Staff will not be able to apply sun cream.
- School staff will also be wearing more casual clothes which can be washed daily.

What are the arrangements for drop off and pick up?

The beginning and end of the school day are the busiest times for children and adults congregating together in one place, so maintaining safe distances within normal arrangements can be a challenge. We have implemented the following measures for when pupils return to school:

□ One parent/adult from same household **must** be with a child to drop off and collect children each day. An infra red temperature checking machine has been ordered and children will be monitored by staff upon arrival. Parents will be asked to wait in the school grounds until their child has been checked. If they are found to have a temperature, they will be expected to return home and follow procedures.

PLEASE EMAIL THE SCHOOL OFFICE IF YOU DO NOT GIVE PERMISSION FOR YOUR CHILD TO HAVE THEIR TEMPERATURE CHECKED on office@lingdale.org by Friday 5th June 2020.

□ We encourage pupils to walk or cycle to school if they can and avoid public transport where possible.

□ The times for dropping off and picking up pupils will be staggered for each year group and a more detailed communication specific to your child/ children will follow from 1st June 2020.

□ Parents/Carers please keep to the drop off and pick up times, leave the site promptly and observe social distancing and follow the white markings at all times. If you need to collect your child within the school day, this should only be by arrangement with the school and you will be asked to wait outside whilst your child is brought to you. □ Please note that whilst administration staff will be working in school we will not be offering a reception service.

□ Any queries should be directed to office@lingdale.org , alternatively please call 01287 651723 and Mrs Bates will help you.

□ We will no longer accept cash in school. All payments are to be made via ParentPay. Please ensure you are signed up.

□ We are currently unable to offer before or after school clubs. This will continue to be reviewed in the coming weeks. Please ensure your child has had their breakfast before they arrive at school.

How will break and lunch times be managed?

We recognise the importance of having regular breaks during the school day.

□ Children in Key worker, Reception, Y1 and Y6 groups will have play times staggered.

□ Children of key workers will be placed in a 'bubble' with other key worker children from other year groups.

□ Children will remain with their 'bubble' at all times and will not be allowed to mix with any other 'bubbles'.

□ At break and lunchtimes, children will be supervised by the same small group of staff.

□ Any sports equipment or resources used in school will be cleaned between groups.

□ As we cannot accommodate thorough cleaning of the outdoor fixed play equipment, the trim trail and EYFS/Pirate ship area will be closed.

□ Please don't allow your child to bring any of their own toys or equipment into school.

Year 6 Leavers

Mrs Norris will be talking to the children in school or through email/zoom to understand how they would like to celebrate their time at Lingdale Primary School and we will try our best to support some of these requests. We understand it is disappointing that planned celebrations cannot go ahead but we can look at alternatives. The hoodies have also arrived and will be sent to all Y6 children in due course.

What other support is available?

We do not underestimate how difficult the recent weeks have been for everyone and recognise the need to focus on pupils' emotional wellbeing as well as their return to learning. If you feel your child may require some extra support, please contact school via office@lingdale.org. You may also wish to seek support for yourself from one of the following support agencies:

- Samaritans - call free 24 hours a day on 116 123
- National Domestic Abuse Helpline - call for free and confidential advice, 24 hours a day on 0808 2000 247
- Shelter provide free confidential information, support and legal advice on all housing and homelessness issues if you call 0330 0536 083 (please note, this is not a free phone number and your call will be charged), or their free webchat is available at https://england.shelter.org.uk/get_help/webchat

I hope that this information provides you with the clarity you need to support your child's return to school. We will be in touch over the next few weeks when we have more information about the plan for September.

Please contact us if you have any other questions,

Kind regards,

Mrs Thornton Headteacher