



WELCOME BACK



HALF TERMLY NEWSLETTER

Autumn 1 - September 2020

Welcome back and a big welcome to all our new children and families.

It has been so lovely to see you all this week at the start and end of the school day. There have been so many happy, smiley faces. All the children have been really excited about being back again with their friends and teachers.

On Thursday 17th September, we will have the school photographer in school. Owing to the current situation, individual photographs will be taken and not sibling photographs on this occasion.

One Way System



As you will be aware, we have a one-way system around the external site. Entrance only will be via the main gate where Mrs Stott (crossing patrol) is based. The exit is via the top gate. Following government guidelines, we ask all our parents to support us in maintaining social distance between adults. This may mean that you may need to wait outside of the school site until it is safe for you to travel around the site. Parents/Guardians are asked not to congregate with other parents/guardians when dropping off and/or collecting children.

We have designated an alternate route for parents/guardians with prams, pushchairs or anyone with medical conditions that prevent them from exiting the site via the top gate due to the steps. Young children must be supervised when walking through the Reception and Nursery outdoor area as resources in the area must not be touched. All Parents and Carers will be required to adhere to all social distancing measures.

Covid-19 Updates



If any children who attend Long Lee Primary (or anyone in the family home or support bubble) experience symptoms of Covid-19, please notify us as soon as possible. You must follow the clear Government guidelines regarding self-isolating and testing.

Most people get their test results the day after taking the test. Some results might take longer, but you should get them in 72 hours. If your child has had a test because they had symptoms, your child, and everyone they live with, must stay at home (self-isolate) until they get their result. Anyone in your support bubble must also self-isolate until your child gets their result.



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Negative test result

A negative result means the test did not find coronavirus. Your child does not need to self-isolate if the test is negative, as long as:

- everyone in the home who has symptoms tests negative
- everyone in your support bubble who has symptoms tests negative
- your child was not told to self-isolate for 14 days by NHS Test and Trace
- your child feels well – if they feel unwell, they must stay at home until they are feeling better

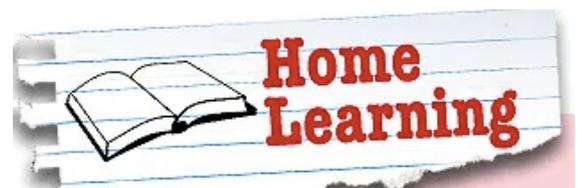
If they have diarrhoea or they are being sick, they must stay at home until 48 hours after they've stopped.

Positive test result

A positive result means your child had coronavirus when the test was done. If the test is positive, they must self-isolate.

- If your child had a test because they had symptoms, they must keep self-isolating for at least 10 days from when their symptoms started.
- If your child had a test but had no symptoms, they must self-isolate for 10 days from when they had the test.

Home Learning



In the event of your child having to self-isolate, we will ensure they have access to Home Learning. Please liaise with us over how to access this.



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In the event of outbreaks

If we experience an outbreak, either because we have 2 or more confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) among children or staff in school within 14 days, or we see an increase in pupil or staff absence rates due to suspected or confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19), we will need to contact our local health protection team.

This team will advise if additional action is required, though the closure of the whole school will generally not be necessary. Where an outbreak in school is confirmed, a mobile testing unit may be dispatched to test others who may have been in contact with the person who has tested positive. Testing will first focus on the person's class, followed by their bubble, then the whole school, if necessary.

If our local area sees a spike in infection rates that is resulting in localised community spread, decisions will be made on what measures to implement to help contain the spread. The government will be involved in decisions and will support school to follow the health advice. In all cases, where groups of pupils need to self-isolate or where a larger restriction of attendance at school is needed, we will ensure our children's education can continue remotely.

Communication



General Concerns or questions can be raised by phone (01535 603986). Mrs Watts or Mrs Keighley welcome your calls during the school hours. Telephones are answered 8.00am - 3.30pm, outside these times please leave a message on the answer phone. We ask that parents try not to visit the school office in person. Should you need to do so then please wear a mask and adhere to the socially distancing rules of one person at a time.

Welcome Letters from your child's teacher

Today class 'Welcome Letters' will be live on our website and Class Dojo (for years 2-6) and Tapestry (for Reception and year 1). Class teachers can be contacted via Class Dojo or the class email address. Their details are on the welcome letters. We will aim to respond to these emails in a timely manner. Details about class room routines including PE days and the curriculum your child will be following are detailed on this letter.

General Reminders

Please can you ensure that any school library books are returned to school as soon as possible.

Please make sure your child brings: Water bottle (containing water only), Packed lunch (if necessary) and their PE kit.

