



LONG LEE PRIMARY SCHOOL



Autumn 2020

25.09.20



#Living our Best Life

As the children have returned to school after a very different period of time, we are focusing on improving our children's Social, Emotional and Mental Health. During our staff training day in September Mrs Preston (our PSHE Leader) led training for staff in school about developing and fostering a growth mindset. The children in school have time each day to reflect on what is going well and have a gratitude journal to showcase the things they appreciate. They also have a weekly session to explore and develop strategies around growth mindset. It would be lovely if you could talk to your child about this so we can 'spread the happiness'.



PE update from Miss Richardson (PE Leader)

Many thanks for your support moving to the new system of children wearing their PE Kit for the full day on PE days. This seems to be working well and we appreciate your support with this.

Free School Meals and Pupil Premium

If your child is eligible for 'free school meals' and you register them for this, we'll receive extra funding called 'pupil premium'. We use this extra money to improve the educational provision and resources at the school. If you think your child is entitled to pupil premium funding, please see the 'Pupil Premium' letter for further details including how to register. This is especially important if you have a child in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2.



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.

Secondary School Applications

Don't forget that Secondary School applications for September 2021 can only be made online, as detailed in the booklet recently sent to you. The closing date for applications is **Saturday 31st October 2021**.

Flu Immunisation Nasal Spray

All children are invited to have a Flu Immunisation Nasal Spray on Tuesday 6th October. If you want your child to have this, we must have a returned consent form by **Tuesday 29th September**. Please liaise with the school office, if you have any questions about this.

Safety on our site

Please ensure that you and your child are using the steps to exit the playground rather than walking or running up the banking. For those parents leaving the site via the Early Years outdoor area, please ensure equipment and resources are not touched. Thank you.

Can we remind you about parking around the local area. Please do not block driveways or park on corners. The disabled spaces in the turning circle are for people who have a blue disabled badge. Please do not drop children off on the yellow zig zag lines or the hatch markings on the entrance into school. Please consider the safety of all our children and parents and carers especially as the darker mornings and evenings are upon us.

Soft Start and Close

We have monitored our soft start and close since we introduced it. Whilst we would like to continue with this system, we have noticed that there is a high volume of people at the start of the soft start and soft close. Children will not receive a late mark if they do not arrive at 8:40am. We are encouraging parents/guardians to utilise the twenty-minute window at the start and end of the day to allow a steady flow of children entering the school site in a morning and exiting the site at the end of the day. We are hopeful that this system will also help eliminate parking issues if everyone fully utilises the twenty-minute window.

Password System

In line with our safeguarding procedures, we have a password system to collect children at the end of the day. Please ensure you (or the person collecting your child) has this to ensure children are swiftly and safely transitioned.



Covid-19 update

We have a section on our school website with up to date information about Covid-19.

We thank you for supporting the procedures we have in school with regard to social distancing and our one-way system. The measures we have put in place are to increase everyone's safety.

Gem of the Week

At the moment we are exploring the best way to involve parents / guardians with the opportunity to engage in our celebration assemblies in the safest way in line with Covid-19 restrictions. If you have any suggestions, please email Mrs Holland dht.longlee@footprintsfed.com.

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 are trying to use as many avenues as possible to communicate with parents/carers. Please make sure that the school office has your up to date email. Please email office@footprintsfed.com with your email detail. 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 social distancing rules of one person at a time.

Diary Dates

29.09.20 - Flu Immunisation Nasal Spray forms to be returned
06.10.20 - Flu Immunisation Nasal Spray
23.10.20 - School Closes for Half Term
31.10.20 - Secondary School Application Form closing date

