



LONG MEADOW SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this letter finds you well and we are all looking forward to welcoming you back on Monday 8th March.

Following the latest guidance, how our school will operate for the three weeks until the Easter break, will be very, very similar to how we were operating before the national lockdown. This letter is to re- issue the key information which you will need to ensure a smooth, safe transition back into school life. Although this may look similar to before, please ensure you have read ALL of the information carefully.

- Our bubbles (now known as consistent groups) will continue to be our year groups. This will mean the children are kept mainly within their own class group, but may mix at different points with the other class in the year group during the day. These consistent groups will not have contact with other consistent groups throughout the day. Lunch and breaks times will also be staggered to support this
- We will continue to stagger start and finish times- please note when your child's year group starts and finishes and **only arrive at that time**
- Your child will either enter through their normal classroom door **OR** their cloakroom door (please see attached sheet) This will ease congestion at key points.
- All children will exit through their classroom door. However, at busy times, parents may have to wait (socially distancing themselves) whilst waiting.
- Children will need to wash their hands-on entering school. If this is through the classroom door, children will use their classroom sink and the toilet sinks. If they are to enter through the cloakroom, they will use the hand washing stations at the rear of the building.

So what do we need to do when my child returns to school on Monday 8th March?

- Please only arrive at the time allocated and **not before**
- All Adults and children above 11m will **NEED TO WEAR A FACE COVERING** on the school site,(unless exempt as before and will need ID for this)
- Enter the site through the staff car park gate and walk around the one-way system until you find your child's classroom or your child's cloakroom
- Drop your child off and then immediately re-enter the one-way system, exiting through the main gate or the KS1/EYFS gate. The top gate will continue to be locked and not used.
- Please socially distance (2m) **AT ALL TIMES**
- Parents should not congregate with other parents at any point on or off the school site.
- The same procedure applies to pick up times as well
- Email/phone the school office if you need to contact us. This will be on the usual addresses/numbers.
- If you have more than one child, all children can be dropped off at the earliest time. This reduces the number of adults on site.

What does my child need to bring?

- Sun hat/cap (you never know!)
- Coat
- Bag
- Packed lunch (if not already ordered a hot meal from the school caterers)
- Water bottle
- Hand cream (optional) to counter the amount of hand washing that children will be completing.

Before/After school care will once again be provided by Ducklings Pre-school. If you wish to book before/after school care please email them on ducklingsemersonvalley@gmail.com. For more information please see their Facebook page.

I also attach an updated FAQ sheet as a reminder of those key things you may be wondering. I will write again next week to update you on our LMS Recovery Curriculum- Dare to be you! Until then please check out the latest Guidance for parents and carers. https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_source=1f898095-4d1d-462f-a416-5d644ff84026&utm_content=daily

Best wishes

Mr Gray