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The Future Begins Here.....

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Dear Parents & Carers

School will reopen to children on **Thursday 3rd September 2020**. In order to keep everybody safe and adhere to Government guidance it is vitally important that you read the following information.

On reopening school will be a very different place, it will look different and routines will have changed.

Our school day will begin at **8.30am** should your child wish to come to Breakfast Club or **8.45am** if not. All children are to use the main school entrance and wash their hand immediately upon arrival. We ask that all parents coming to the door to deliver their children **DO NOT** cross the 2m line and adhere to the strict social distancing measures. Parents are still classed as visitors and are therefore not able to enter the building unless requested to do so in exceptional circumstances.

The school day will end at **3.15pm** we ask that you pick your children up promptly as staff will need to begin cleaning routines immediately.

All children attending school will be provided with a lunch. If your circumstances have changed and you think your child may qualify for Free School Meals, please call the FSM department on **01670 620444**. This applies to all children from Reception – Y6 regardless of Universal Free Schools for Reception – Y2 children and could access additional funding to support them in their learning. The cost of school lunch is **£2.20 per day**.

What we have put in place..

As we are a small school we will be operating as 1 bubble. Within this bubble we will have 2 class groups, Class 1 and Class 2.

Classroom spaces have been reorganised with soft furnishings and soft toys removed in order to make regular cleaning as easy as possible. Cleaning of frequently touched surfaces will take place throughout the day and a thorough clean will take place once all children have left the building.

Desks and chairs have been situated to avoid children sitting face to face and to allow staff to teach from a 2m distance wherever possible.

Corridors are marked with tape at 2m intervals. We fully accept that social distancing cannot always be achieved (especially for our younger children) however; we endeavor to apply it wherever possible.

The yard will be marked to keep you safe whilst waiting to drop off or collect your child.



Visitor access to school is still restricted. Only essential visits will be permitted adhering to Health & Safety guidance.

Children will be issued with their own set of essential equipment e.g. pencil, ruler, coloured pencils etc. Other resources and equipment that will be used have been chosen because they are easily cleaned.

What we need you to do..

You must let us know if members of your household show any symptoms of Covid-19 and you MUST NOT send your child in to school. Further guidance on what to do and testing is available should you require it.

Should your child develop symptoms whilst at school they will be isolated from their class group, you will be called and will be expected to collect them IMMEDIATELY.

If you are required to collect your child because you have received a phone call for whatever reason you will be required to wear an appropriate face covering. Staff dealing with children showing symptoms or requiring significant first aid to be administered will wear full PPE.

It is vital that high levels of personal hygiene are maintained. It is advised that immediately upon returning home from school clothing is removed, a bath or shower is taken and clothes washed. All staff will also follow this advice.

At school we are following social distancing guidance and need the children to understand the importance of this to keep all of us safe. Therefore please could you speak to them ahead of returning to school, show them what 2 meters looks like and ensure they know how vital this is in minimising the risk of spreading the virus.

Children will be required to wash their hands every time they enter the building and frequently throughout the day. Please could you remind your child how to wash their hands properly for 20 seconds. We have purchased liquid soap suitable for sensitive skin.

To ensure good respiratory hygiene we are promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach. Disposable tissues are provided.

Behaviour - at this time we will be adhering strictly to our behaviour policy. Any child not following direction or instruction will be compromising the safety of all others in school. **You will be contacted immediately if this is the case.**

Attendance – All children are now expected to be back in school full time. All attendance codes have now reverted back to normal prior to Covid-19 and our Education Welfare Officer is now monitoring attendance of all pupils weekly.

We fully understand that this is still a very difficult and anxious time for parents, staff and children. I strongly urge you to read the latest government guidance and information for parents & carers at **[gov.uk/backtoschool](https://www.gov.uk/backtoschool)**.

If you would like any further guidance or reassurance please do not hesitate to contact me.

And finally we are still Linton Primary School, small but mighty and are desperately excited to have everyone back and continue our learning journey together.

Kind Regards



Samantha Mason
Headteacher