



# Lavant

## C.E. Primary School

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Dear Parents,

I am so pleased that many of you were able to join Mrs. Yelland for her zoom meeting yesterday. She was delighted to be able to see so many of our new 'Early Years' cohort, and cannot wait to welcome them into our school in September.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

We are so pleased that all pupils will be returning to school in September but, as I am sure you are expecting, there are a number of changes we are having to make to the school day to ensure we meet government guidelines, and remain COVID-19 safe.

Although open for all children, each class will operate as a separate bubble and will have minimal contact with each other. Some staff will need to move between bubbles at key times in the week, but this will be kept to a minimum. Whole school gatherings, such as assemblies and lunchtimes are not permitted and high levels of hygiene will have to be maintained at all times.

### School Day

We will be operating two entrance and exit gates to minimalise congestion at the start and end of the school day. Unfortunately, as the field gate is accessed via the turning circle, vehicle access cannot be permitted and we will not be able to run our usual drop off service for our older children. We are also unable to allow parents fully onto the school grounds and ask that parents do not stay after drop off or pick up, to socialise at the front of the school.

The vast majority of the children will be arriving in school between 8:45 and 8:55am and we are asking for all **children in Wren Class** to be dropped at school at **9am**. Parents will be able to enter the green gates (situated off the turning circle) and bring their child to the gate leading to the Wren class outdoor learning area where Mrs. Yelland and Mrs. Skeens will be waiting to meet you. Unfortunately, at this time, we are not permitted to allow parents into the school building.

At the end of the school day, (3:15pm) the children will be brought to the green gates ready to be reunited with yourselves.

During the school day we will be having staggered play and lunch times when the children will be supervised by one of the Wren class members of staff.

### **Staggered Play times**

10:30: Pheasants and Robins

10:45: Woodpeckers and Wrens

### **Staggered Lunch Times**

12am: Woodpeckers and Wrens – Lunch

Pheasants and Robins – Play

12:30: Woodpeckers and Wrens – Play

Pheasants and Robins – Lunch

### **School Clubs, Breakfast club and educational visits**

Sadly, we will not be able to offer our usual breakfast club, or extra-curricular provision at the start of the new academic year, and current guidelines state that school visits will continue to be prohibited for the autumn term. This provision will be reviewed at the end of the first half term, in line with government guidelines, and we will update you as and when we are able to offer our usual range of clubs.

We understand that the new school year will continue to be an unsettling time for many, and would like to reassure you that your children's emotional wellbeing will be at the forefront of all we do, whilst also ensuring we are continuing to offer the highest standards of learning.

### **Graduated start to life at Lavant.**

As we have been unable to conduct our usual familiarisation visits for your child, we will be easing our new entrants into school gradually over the first week to ensure this transition period is a positive experience for all. After the first week, those children attending school full-time, will be able to do so, and those parents who have opted for part-time initially, will be able to pick their child up from the green gates at 1:05pm.

Please see below for timings for first week of school.

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September: 9:00 – 11:00am**

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September: 9:00 – 11:00am**

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September: 9:00 – 12 noon**

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September: 9:00 – 12 noon**

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September: 9:00 – 12 noon**

### **All Term Dates for the year 2020 – 21**

In September, the children return to school on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September**; please note that Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> & Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September are staff training days.

Term dates for the rest of the academic year.

#### **Autumn term 2020**

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December

Half term: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October

#### **Spring term 2021**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January – Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April

Half term: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February

## Summer term 2021

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

Half term: Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June

## INSET DAYS 2020 – 21

**Please note the school will be closed to children on the following dates:**

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021

I wish you all a very happy and relaxing summer and look forward to fully welcoming you and your children into our school community in September.

Best Wishes



Adrian King