

Littledean Church of England Primary School

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Loving one another, building each other up

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Dear Parents,

Reception Year Group

We are pleasantly surprised how quickly our new reception children have adapted to being in school so have decided to extend their time in school earlier than planned.

- From now until Wednesday 23rd September we will continue with children attending from 9.00 – 11.45.
- On Thursday 24th September and Friday 25th September we would like the children to stay for lunch – attending from 9.00 – 1.15.
- From Monday 28th September we would like the children to stay all day 9.00 – 3.20.

Arrival and Collection of Children

Normal school hours are 8.45 – 3.00 but we are currently working a staggered start and finish for each class so that we can enable social distancing. Holly Leaves Class times are 9.00 – 3.20 but if you have siblings in another class you may bring them all to school at the same time. Please let us know if you are following another classes arriving and leaving times.

If someone other than yourself is due to collect children from school please let us know each morning.

Lunches

Children in reception, year 1 and year 2 are entitled to a free meal at lunchtime, the government fund this and it is call the Universal Infant Free School Meal. Currently due to Covid-19 we are not able to provide a hot meal at lunchtime, however we can provide a packed lunch which usually consists of a sandwich (cheese, tuna or ham) fruit / vegetables pieces and a biscuit or cake, alternatively you can provide your own packed lunch. We ask that fizzy drinks and chocolate / sweets are not brought into school.

PE and Forest Schools

Holly Leaves class has PE on a Monday afternoon, please send your child into school in their PE kit of shorts, t-shirts (house colours if possible), daps, school jumper / cardigan and when cold jogging bottoms.

Forest Schools will continue each Friday morning, please send children in dressed in clothes that you do not mind if they get dirty, long sleeves and long trousers are required along with wellington boots and waterproof jacket and trousers if you have them. A spare pair of socks is always useful. We are also grateful for donations of hot chocolate or biscuits for the children to enjoy during the sessions.

Head Teacher: Mrs Hayley McGoldrick

Free School Meals

Why should I apply?

For every child that is entitled to free school meals the school receives extra funding to enhance provision and improve progress and outcomes for children. So please apply even if you do not wish to take up your free school meal.

What are the qualifying criteria for Free School Meals?

Your child might be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

If you feel that you may be entitled to free school meals you can check your eligibility and apply for meals by visiting: <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/> All applications will be treated in confidence.

Should you have any concerns please do not hesitate to discuss them with us.

Miss Pearson and Miss Orchard
Holly Leaves Class Teachers