



Friday 28th August 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you and your children are well and have had an enjoyable Summer break. All the staff at Lakeside are very much looking forward to welcoming everyone back next week. I know that some parents and children might be anxious to return after such a long time and I want to reassure you about the measures we have put in place to ensure school is safe and that teaching and learning continue to a good standard.

Advice and Guidance about schools opening

The most recent advice for parents from the Department for Education is here:

<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/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

Doncaster Council guidance about school reopening is here:

<https://www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/schools/information-about-the-reopening-of-schools>

What to do if someone in your home has symptoms of Coronavirus:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/906663/20203007_Easy_read_household_isolation_v3.1.pdf

Attendance:

Please note that school is compulsory from September and that parents will be fined if they do not send their children to school.

Main points for school opening in September

Start dates/times

School opens for Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 on Wednesday 2nd September. The start and finish times/entrances etc. are at the end of this letter. Parents of children in Early Years have been notified separately about phased start dates.

We appreciate that staggered times do cause some inconvenience for parents with children in different year groups. Unfortunately, the requirements for year group bubbles and to keep footfall on school premises to a minimum do mean that staggered times are absolutely necessary. We ask for your kind cooperation in sticking to the exact times and routes.



One adult only please to collect and drop off, please wear a face mask when you are dropping and collecting children. Please note that parents are not allowed in the school building for the time being, unless an urgent meeting is necessary.

Children who are late for their arrival slot must go to the Year 1 outdoor area (opposite the Year 1 and 2 playground), where they will be met by Mrs. Stringer or a member of the Senior Leadership Team. Please do not go to the main office, which will be closed. At the end of the day children will stay in their class bubble until they are collected. They cannot go to the classrooms of siblings.

ALL children, including Year 6 pupils, must be brought to school and collected by an adult until the home school agreement and relevant permission letters have been signed.

School Office

Please note the school office will continue to be closed to visitors in person from September. All the staff are in school working and can be contacted as per the details above.

Cleaning

The school has been cleaned constantly throughout the Summer and cleaners will clean classrooms and toilets between morning and afternoon sessions (as well as before and after school) when school reopens.

Hygiene

Lots of new additional hand sanitisers and liquid soap dispensers have been installed in school since the beginning of lockdown. Children will wash hands and sanitise each time they leave the room and return e.g. on arrival, breaks and lunchtimes, leaving at the end of the school day. Staff will monitor this closely to ensure children are washing their hands correctly. Each bubble has its own dedicated suite of toilets and hand washing area. These will not be used by children outside of the bubble.

If a child is unwell

If a child becomes unwell they will be taken to the isolation room near the school office and parents contacted as usual. Parents will be asked to collect them and arrange a COVID-19 test.

If the child is displaying symptoms of COVID-19 they will be asked to wear a face covering and the adult who stays with them will be wearing full PPE. The household must then isolate for 14 days and tests be arranged. If a test comes back positive all the staff and children in that bubble will be asked to self-isolate for 14 days and be tested.



Home Learning

If your child has to self-isolate the school will provide home learning via the VLE. This will be the case if a whole bubble need to isolate.

Lunchtimes

Children will work, eat and play in their year group bubbles. We will provide hot lunches as usual. Children will collect their lunch in year groups from the hall trolleys and then return to their class bubble to eat. The classroom will be cleaned before the afternoon session begins. Children will play outside in year groups.

Children who bring packed lunches will also eat in the classroom. Please try to ensure that your child brings their lunch in a disposable bag so that everything can be disposed of after lunch. If this is not always possible please make sure your child brings their lunch in a plastic box that can be cleaned each evening.

Children can bring water bottles to school but they must be taken home at the end of each day to be cleaned.

Children do not need any other equipment other than a coat, water bottle and packed lunch, if needed.

Free School Meals

Payment for lunches will continue via ParentPay. Children in receipt of free school meals, including Universal Infant Free School Meals (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2), will continue to receive this. If your circumstances have changed and you think you will be entitled to Free School Meals you need to apply via the Doncaster Council website:

<https://www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/schools/free-school-meals>

Face coverings

There are no requirements for children or staff to wear face coverings in Primary schools. Staff who are outside or meeting parents (or at other times) may wear sometimes wear a face covering or visor.

PE/After School Clubs

Children will continue to have PE lessons provided by teachers and a Kixx coach. These lessons will take place outside where possible. Please see the uniform guidance below.

School visits

No visits will take place in Autumn term.



Home School Agreement

New home school agreements will be issued to all families during the first week of school.

General information

All our arrangements to keep children and adults safe in school have been checked by the Rose Learning Trust and an independent Health and Safety body. We have done everything possible to keep children safe whilst trying to avoid as much disruption to the school day and to learning as possible. These arrangements will be kept constantly under review.

Our detailed school plan, risk assessment and recovery curriculum are available on the school website on the Urgent Updates page.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's return to school please do contact us.

We do understand that some children, parents and carers will be anxious about the return to school. If you feel that your child may be struggling with anxiety or need help with encouraging your child to come to school please contact Mrs. Stringer or Mrs. Smith as soon as possible and will do everything we possibly can to support you and your family.

Once again thank you for all your support over the last few difficult months. We look forward to seeing you all next week.

Yours sincerely,

Mr J Bullock

Headteacher



Staggered start/finish times

Year group	Start	Finish	In	Out
Y6	8.30	2.50	Forest school	Bike shed path
Y5	8.40	3.00	Forest school	Bike shed path
Y4	8.30	2.50	School Drive	School Drive
Y3	8.40	3.00	School Drive	School Drive
Y2	8.50	2.40	Main path to Y2 fire doors	School Drive
Y1	8.50	2.40	Forest School	Bike shed path
Reception	9.00	3.00	EY playground gates	EY playground gates
Nursery	9.00 – 11.30	12.30 – 3.00	F1 AM/PM pick up/drop off via main unit entrance and bike shed path	



Lakeside Primary Academy school uniform from September 2020

PLEASE NOTE: BECAUSE OF SCHOOL CLOSURES THIS YEAR THE NEW UNIFORM IS NOT COMPULSORY FROM SEPTEMBER BUT WILL BE PHASED IN OVER THE COMING YEAR. CHILDREN MAY CONTINUE TO WEAR THE OLD UNIFORM IN THE MEANTIME

School uniform:

Dark grey trousers, skirt or pinafore dress

Light blue polo shirt

Navy jumper or cardigan, preferably with school badge

Jumpers with the new academy logo are available to buy from: <https://designboxuk.com>

(You can also order over the phone on: 01302 364144)

Black shoes only

PE Kit:

Plain black or navy shorts or jogging bottoms of those colours

White T-shirt or polo shirt

Black trainers or pumps

Children are NOT allowed to wear:

Trainers

Boots

Flip-flops

Jogging bottoms

Jewellery – except stud earrings which must be removed or covered for PE

Wristbands or bracelets – please notify the class teacher if any jewellery needs to be worn for religious reasons.

Any other clothing that is not school uniform.

If you require financial support to purchase school uniform the school is able to provide assistance in certain cases. If you would like to discuss this confidentially please make an appointment with Mrs. Stringer, the Parent Support Advisor.