



Thursday 11th June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you are all well and staying safe.

School will start to re-open further next week

Following advice from the Director of Public Health in Doncaster to all schools (see attached letter) and meetings with the Local Authority we have taken the decision to further re-open school from 15th June. We will phase in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 over the next two weeks to make sure all the systems and processes work as numbers of children increase. We will also continue to be open for children of critical workers and home learning activities will be placed on the website for children not attending school.

I have to say it is a relief to finally start to try and get back to some normality and to begin to fill the school with children again. It may be a long road before we can have everybody in all at the same time but at least this is a first step.

We are very much feeling our way, and may make mistakes, as we start to re-open further so we ask for your patience and understanding over the next few weeks, please do get in touch if there is anything we can help with or that is unclear. The parents' guide to school reopening is attached with this letter. This includes the details of days, times and routes to drop off and pick up children in the groups that are beginning to return to school over the next 2 weeks.

A SUMMARY

- **From Monday 15th June until Friday 19th June: Reception and Year 1 only**

Reception children: hours will be **9 – 12** only for this week. A member of staff will phone you this week to confirm that you still want your child to attend. If you do not receive a phone call by Friday please contact the school office if you would like your child to return.

Year 1 children: Hours will be **8.45 – 1.45**

- **From Monday 22nd June onwards: Reception, Year 1 and Year 6**

Reception (9am-2pm), Year 1 (8.45 – 1.45) and Year 6 (9.15 – 2.45) – if parents want them to – can start attending school again. We will phone those Year 6 parents who have said they do want their child to return in order to confirm this next week.



- Please note that because of social distancing and in order to maintain safety for children and staff there is a limit to the number of children we can currently accept.
- Returning your child to school is a choice. You will not be fined if your child does not return until September.
- All other year groups and children staying at home should continue to access the home learning on the school website. A new Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) will replace this in the next few weeks.
- We are aware that current government guidelines state that your child may only use one form of childcare. This guidance is in place to ensure that different groups of children are not mixing and therefore increasing the risk of illness should a member of either group display symptoms of the virus. This may cause a problem to parents if the hours that we are able to offer do not meet their need and they would normally rely on wrap around childcare, such as a childminder. In this instance please contact us so that we can discuss the best way forward to meet the needs of you and your child.
- Children should wear school uniform. They should not bring anything from home such as bags, water bottles etc. Children will be given a school packed lunch. This must be paid for, via ParentPay, if the parent is not entitled to Free School Meals.
- You must sign the home/school agreement below before your child returns to school. Please click on the link on the form to agree or on the website here: <https://lakesidedoncaster.com/home-school-agreement>
- Please note that children must arrive in school and be collected ON TIME. If you do not adhere to these times, your child's place will be withdrawn.
- It is imperative that you ensure that you inform school immediately if anyone in your household, including your child, becomes unwell with the common symptoms of COVID-19 or you are contacted as part of the Government Test and Trace system so that we can ensure isolation guidelines are followed for other children and staff. If a member of your family becomes unwell with the common symptoms of COVID-19 you can access a test by following the link below:
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-for-coronavirus/ask-for-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>
- Please see attached:
The Parents' Guide to phased re-opening.
The Home/School agreement, which must be signed.

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