



Langtoft Primary School

Newsletter #154

Term 1 Friday 3 September 2021

Article 28 You have the right to a good quality education.
You should be encouraged to go to school to the highest level you can.



Dear Duty Bearers,

As you may be aware, the government, via the Department for Education has now issued new Covid-19 guidance for schools, in line with the removal of many restrictions throughout the country. Despite the removal of these restrictions, we still wish to keep our school community as safe a place as possible.

School re-opens on Monday 6th September 2021 for pupils and from that time, the following changes will be in place, in line with the new guidance:

BUBBLE SYSTEM

It will no longer be necessary to keep the children in bubbles. There will be no bubbles in school unless we need to re-introduce them as part of a contingency plan after a number of positive cases in school.

CONTACT TRACING

Schools are no longer responsible for contact tracing although we will work alongside Public Health England and the Local Authority to assist however we can.

SELF ISOLATION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Children under the age of 18 years old are no longer required to self-isolate if they are contacted by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact of a positive Covid-19 case. They will only need to self-isolate if they have Covid-19 symptoms themselves or have a positive Covid-19 test result. As previously, we would request that pupils do not attend school if they are showing symptoms of Covid-19. We can also confirm that self-isolating students will still have access to robust and comprehensive remote learning opportunities.

FACE COVERINGS

Face coverings will no longer be mandatory for staff or visitors in any area of the school however, please feel free to wear one if you wish and please try to maintain a social distance from members of staff.

ASYMPTOMATIC TESTING

Staff will continue to test using LFD testing devices twice weekly until the end of September when this will be reviewed.

START AND FINISH TIMES

For the first two weeks of term we will continue with the same arrangements as last year with staggered start and finish times.

Key Stage 2 will enter via gate 3 on the front playground. Years 5 and 6 will be admitted at 08:45 and Years 3 and 4 at 08:50.

Year 2 will enter via Gate 1 at 08:55, Year 1 at 09:00 and Reception at 09:05. Once children have been dropped off parents can exit the school via the end gate towards the car park.

At the end of the school day, Reception children can be collected from the front playground at 15:00, Year 1 at 15:05, Year 2 at 15:10. Year 3 and 4 children will be dismissed by their class teachers from Gate 3 at 15:10 and Year 5 and 6 at 15:15. Please ensure you agree a meeting point if you are collecting your child from Key Stage 2. We have instructed all children to return to school if an adult is not waiting for them where they have agreed to meet.

Children who attend PlayZone in FS and KS1 will be 'delivered' at the end of the school day by a member of staff. Children in KS2 will be dismissed by their class teacher/s and expected to walk across to PlayZone by themselves.

Please continue to be respectful of others when queuing/waiting for your child, keeping clear of the school gates and being mindful of traffic.

Year group	Arrive at school gate:	Gate number:	Collection time:
EYFS	at 09:05	#1	15:00
Y1	at 09:00	#1	15:05
Y2	at 08:55	#1	15:10
Y3	at 08:50	#3	15:10
Y4			
Y5	at 08:45	#3	15:15
Y6			

We will review these arrangements after two weeks and communicate to you in advance of any alterations.

P.E. DAYS

Children are asked to come to school dressed in their uniform P.E. kit on the days when they have P.E. We know that the weather in England is changeable without warning so please send your child to school wearing more than just their uniform P.E. t-shirt and uniform P.E. shorts (not tight-fitting, 'cycling shorts'). We recommend jogging bottoms and sweatshirts. Children cannot do P.E. in their coats so please make sure they have enough layers of clothing.

	EYFS	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Monday		✓	✓			✓	
Tuesday					✓		✓
Wednesday				✓	✓	✓	✓
Thursday			✓	✓			
Friday	✓	✓					

Although these changes will take place as part of the general easing of restrictions, as a school we will also have an outbreak management plan in place, as required by the government, to ensure that we are prepared to continue to operate if there is transmission of the virus in our school or the local community. This will mean that if the situation requires it, a bubble system or other measures may need to be temporarily reinstated in the future, and we must stress that the safety measures in place will be continually reviewed and assessed in accordance with local and national government guidance. Our outbreak contingency plan is attached to this email.

As ever, our priority is to ensure the health and safety of our pupils, staff and families. As such, we will be continuing to encourage good hand and respiratory hygiene including regular hand washing, maintaining appropriate cleaning regimes, keeping occupied spaces well-ventilated and following public health advice regarding testing, self-isolation and management of confirmed cases of Covid-19.

Clearly, we may still face further challenges and may need to make more changes as we go along; we will continue to work closely together as a school community to ensure the best possible outcomes for all of us.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office. We will do all we can to ease your concerns and support you as best we can.

Thank you for your support, understanding and patience. I have everything crossed for a much more normal year ahead.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs B Wood
Headteacher