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Loving one another, building each other up

1st January 2021

Dear Parents

We hope that you managed to have a good Christmas despite the challenging situation that we currently find ourselves in. We are looking forward to welcoming the children back into school on Monday 4th January and we would like to just recap some of the procedures that we have in place to keep our school community as safe as possible.

School Start and Finish Times

In order to keep the number of people on the school site to a minimum we will need to continue to implement a staggered-start and end for the school day.

Class	Start Time	Finish Time
Pre-School	8.45	2.45
Holly Leaves	Between 9.00 and 9.10	3.20
Holly Berries	Between 8.50 and 9.00	3.10
Chestnut	Between 8.40 and 8.50	3.00
Maple	Between 8.30 and 8.40	2.50

No-one should be on the school site before 8.30.

We continue to request that face coverings are worn by adults when on the school the site and we also ask that only one family member drops off and picks up each day. We also request that no secondary age pupils come onto the school site.

Class Bubbles

The children will remain in their class bubbles and will not mix with other classes.

Illness/Non-Attendance

The government have made it clear that the expectation is that currently all primary aged children should attend school unless the local or national situation changes. This being the case any non-attendance would have to be coded as unauthorised. We do understand that this might cause anxiety for some families and would ask that you contact the school to discuss any concerns that you might have.

If your child is unwell before the start of the school day, please do not bring them into school. Please phone the school office and let a member of staff know exactly what symptoms your child is exhibiting, even if you do not suspect Covid-19.

If your child becomes ill during the school day, we will ask to you come and pick them up as soon as possible. We will request that you access a Covid-19 test and follow the government guidance <u>'stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection'.</u>

The most important symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of any of the following:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness. However, if you have any of the symptoms above you must stay at home and arrange to have a test to see if you have COVID-19. Information on how to access a test can be found online at www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test.

PΕ

In order to minimise close contact in confined spaces like cloakrooms we are asking that children continue to wear their PE kit to school on the day that they have PE. It is acceptable for children to wear jogging bottoms if the weather is cold, their house coloured plain t-shirt, school jumper/cardigan and trainers/daps.

Class	PE Day	
Holly Leaves	Monday	
Holly Berries	Wednesday	
Chestnut	Tuesday	
Maple	Thursday	

Visitors to School

We will be limiting the number of visitors to school to essential visitors only and only through pre-arranged appointments. We will gather information on all visitors to the site to enable us to support the NHS Test and Trace program.

Contact with School Family Support Worker/Mental Health Lead (Mrs Webb)

Due to limiting the number of visitors to the school site, Mrs Webb will not be meeting face to face with parents. She will continue to work with families using the remote methods that have worked so well during terms 1 and 2. Mrs Webb's contact details are:

swebb@littledean.gloucs.sch.uk Tel: 07309945995

Mrs Webb will continue to work remotely with the children that she supports and she will contact you directly to talk about how this will work.

Communication with Teachers

We ask that any messages that need to be passed on are either emailed to admin@littledean.gloucs.sch.uk, passed on through Mrs McGoldrick, who will be in the back playground in the morning, or leave a message on the answer phone. Parents may also still use the class email addresses to communicate with class teachers, however these will not be checked before the start of the school day.

If you wish to talk to a teacher or member of staff about something, please phone the school office to arrange a time for a phone conversation at a mutually convenient time.

It is possible that there will be more changes to the way that schools need to operate due to Covid-19, and we will keep you informed regarding any changes as soon as we are able to. Thank you for helping to keep our school community safe.

Yours sincerely

Hayley McGoldrick Head Teacher