

# Littledean Church of England Primary School

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## Newsletter 27

Dear Parents,

### **Covid – 19**

As restrictions are gradually lifted next week we ask that parents continue with our staggered start and finish times, socially distance where possible and wear a mask while on the school site. Guidance from the Government and County Council is being updated and we will be reviewing our School Risk Assessment over the coming days. We will continue to operate the school within our 'Class Bubbles' until at least half term if not longer. Thank you for helping us to stay safe.

### **Illness / Absence from School**

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 [‘stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection’](#).

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](http://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test).

Please note that the guidance is clear that if you have symptoms you should book a PCR test at a testing site. The Lateral Flow Device (LFT) tests that are freely available are designed to be used on symptom free people so should not be used to rule in or rule out Covid-19.

### **Littledean Community Centre – Thank you**

We would like to thank Littledean Community Centre for their kind donation to the school following their Easter Egg Hunt. We have already decided to use the money towards an Olympic Sports Event. Further information to follow.

### **Pro-Stars June Holiday Football Camp**

Mr English, our PE teacher, works for Pro-Stars and they are offering a Football Camp during the June holiday. Please see attached flyer for details.

### **Dogs on Site**

We ask that parents/carers do not bring dogs onto the school site. Also please do not stand with your dog near to the entrances of the school. Not all of our children and families are comfortable around dogs and find it stressful to walk past them. Thank you.

### **Rags to Riches – Clothing Collection**

Our next collection of good quality clothing/shoes and accessories has been booked for 25<sup>th</sup> May. Please bring your donations to school on the morning of Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May and leave under the covered area by the main entrance door. Thank you, all your donations will go towards raising funds for the school.

### **Pre-School**

We have vacancies in our pre-school from September for children who are aged 3 or 4. Parents are able to use the Government grants of 15 or 30 hours funding, alternatively we are able to provide an invoice. Currently we plan to be open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 8.45 – 2.45. If you are interested please contact us for further information.

For those who receive invoices for Pre-School sessions, as from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021, our prices will increase to £4.35 per hour.

### **A message from the DFE (Department for Education)**

#### ***Summer term attendance expectations for schools***

*School attendance continues to be mandatory for all pupils and the usual rules on school attendance apply. This includes parents' duty to ensure their child regularly attends school, and schools' and local authorities' ability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices, for poor attendance.*

*We expect schools and local authorities to continue to communicate clear expectations around attendance to families, identify pupils at risk of disengagement and develop plans to re-engage them.*

*As restrictions begin to lift, we know some families may be looking to take holidays during term time. As usual, parents should plan their holidays around school breaks and avoid seeking permission to take their children out of school on holiday.*

With this directive from the Government any holiday requests submitted will not be authorised. Also please consider the impact on your child's schooling if you have to quarantine following a holiday abroad.

### **Weather Appropriate Clothing**

As the weather is warming up please can we ask that sun hats are brought into school, also sun cream is applied before school when it is really hot and sunny, as we are in England can we also ask that a waterproof coat is brought into school for the odd showers of rain. It is really helpful if anything brought in is labelled with your child's name. Thank you.

### **School Premises / Security**

Gloucestershire County Council have given us a grant to improve the security of the school. Over the Easter Holiday we have had some additional fencing fitted to the front of the school and new vehicle gates. Over the next few weeks we will have new fencing fitted to the boundary at the rear of the school, also we will have access control on the gates at the rear of the school. The gates will be open for a short time when children are coming into school and leaving at the end of the day. All other times it will be necessary to use an intercom system to access the school. We are also having additional security cameras fitted to areas of the school and will have the facility to record images from them.