

# Littledean Church of England Primary School

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*Loving one another, building each other up*

13<sup>th</sup> November 2020

## Newsletter 10

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your kind donations for Operation Christmas Child shoe box collection, Children in Need, and the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

We have noticed that some children and adults are arriving in School before 8.30 a.m. In line with our 'drop and go' policy we need children to arrive at their designated time. Please help us to keep our class bubbles separate and keep our school community safe by being on time. Thank you.

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

## Planning for Closure in the event of a positive case of Covid-19 in School

We are working hard to keep school as normal as possible for the children during these challenging times and we are currently managing to cover staff absence due to shielding and illness with existing staff members. However, we are predicting that it is going to become more difficult to secure cover for any more staff absences, so the following contingency plans are in place in case of staff shortages:

- In the event of multiple staff absences in a class bubble, a restricted curriculum would be offered or as a last resort a class bubble may need to close for the day.
- A restricted curriculum would be where the normally planned and differentiated full curriculum is not offered but children will attend and will carry out purposeful alternative activities under supervision.
- Closing class bubbles would be the last resort; only in the event of high staff absence and after all other options have been exhausted, would this be an option.

In the event of a positive case of Covid-19 within the school it is likely that, due to the open plan nature of the school and the necessity for children to share cloakrooms and toilets, we would need to close either the whole of the infants or the whole of the juniors in order to ensure the safety of all staff and children. The pre-school remains a bubble on its own.

## Emergency Closure Procedures

Just in case we need to close the school, here is a reminder of our procedures. Please ensure that we have up to date contact details for you.

If we need to close the school we will:

- Send you a text message / email
- Announce the closure on Radio Gloucestershire – 104.7 fm
- Post the closure on <https://closures.gloucestershire.gov.uk/> (please note new address)

Head Teacher: Mrs Hayley McGoldrick

- Post the closure on our school website [www.littledeanprimary.co.uk](http://www.littledeanprimary.co.uk)
- Post the closure on our twitter feed - @littledeansch
- If possible a member of staff will be on site to advise of the closure.

### Contact Details

As the vast majority of our communications will now be through email or postings on the website or twitter it is even more important that we have up to date contact details for you. If you or your emergency contacts have changed telephone numbers, email addresses or have moved house please let us know as soon as possible. If you have not received an email from us in the last week we do not have your up to date details.

### Rags to Riches for Schools - Clothing Collection

Our next collection will be on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November**. Unfortunately we are not able to store bags in school prior to the collection so ask that you bring them when dropping children off on the morning of Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November. We have not been given bags or information packs this time so please use any bag that you have at home. Please help us raise money for the school. Thank you.

### What they collect



### Items they do not accept are



### Parental Consultations

Last week a letter and email was sent to parents inviting them to make an appointment with the class teachers to discuss their child learning. If you have not returned your reply slip yet please do so asap, either by email to [admin@littledean.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@littledean.gloucs.sch.uk) or papercopy. A copy of the letter is on the school website: <https://www.littledeanprimary.co.uk/website/letters/169675>

### Annual National Child Measurement Programme

Earlier this week we sent an email to parents of children in Reception and Year 6 regarding the National Child Measurement Programme from Gloucestershire Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust. If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to make contact with them. Please note if you do not opt out your child will take part in the programme. Please check emails or a copy of the letter is posted on the school website: <https://www.littledeanprimary.co.uk/website/letters/169675>