

# Littledean Church of England Primary School

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*Loving one another, building each other up*

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Dear Parents

Following the government announcement about the gradual easing of Covid-19 restrictions, we are very much looking forward to welcoming all children back to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

This letter outlines the procedures that we have put in place to ensure that the return to school is as safe as possible for all members of the school community. Please read the letter carefully as there are some changes to our procedures.

## School Start and Finish Times

In order to keep the number of people on the school site to a minimum we will need 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 8.50 – 9.00	Between 3.05 – 3.15
Holly Berries	Between 8.50 – 9.00	Between 3.05 – 3.15
Chestnut	Between 8.40 – 8.50	Between 2.55 - 3.05
Maple	Between 8.40 – 8.50	Between 2.55 – 3.05

We ask that you drop off and pick up between the allocated times for your child's class to enable a flow of parents to the site rather than one solid block. Again we will be operating a 'drop and go' / 'pick-up and go' policy and ask that parents do not gather to chat in the playground or in Oak Way car park.

If you have children in different classes, please choose the start and finish time for one particular class and use that for all siblings. If you have a child in the pre-school and siblings in other classes you will be able to match your drop off and pick up times to those for the pre-school.

Children will enter and leave through their normal class doors. We will not be allowing any entry to the school through the front entrance. If your child is late for school and the classroom door is closed then please take them to the school office as normal to be signed in.

## Class Bubbles

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

## Illness

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

### **Lunchtime**

We continue to ask that children bring packed lunches to school as we will not be offering hot school dinners. A packed lunch can be ordered through Caterlink if needed.

Lunchtimes will continue to operate on a staggered basis with each class having their lunch and playtime separate to the other classes.

### **Uniform**

We expect that all children will wear their uniform as normal.

### **Bringing Items into School**

Children must not bring items from home into school, with the exception of their lunch box, drink bottle and reading book.

### **PE**

In order to minimise close contact in confined spaces like cloakrooms we are asking that children 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.

<b>Class</b>	<b>PE Day</b>
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.

Please do contact the school if you have any questions or concerns about the new procedures. We look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

Yours sincerely

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