



Landulph School

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Parent information on return to school from September 2020

As promised, I am writing with a summary of the information you will need to support the return of your child to school in September, which will continue until restrictions are eased. All this is in line with the Government guidance, but is subject to change if the guidance changes during August or beyond. All children (apart from our new entrants who have a slightly extended phased entry) are expected to be back in school on **Monday 7th September.**

We are really looking forward to welcoming all of the children back in September. After such an abrupt end to school back in March, we have made the decision that all children will return to their current class for a short period to enable them to reconnect with school, re-establish friendships and support their mental health and wellbeing.

After a week of settling back into school, we will start a weekly transition session on a Friday afternoon for 3 weeks before the children move into their new classes full time. These sessions will be socially distanced to maintain the integrity of our bubbles.

Bubbles

You have probably heard a lot about children being in 'bubbles' since the start of this pandemic. Throughout closures so far, bubbles have had to be a lot smaller to account for social distancing in the classroom for children and adults. As the guidance has now changed, these bubbles can be larger and we will be working with Class 1, Class 2 and Class 3 being their own bubble.

Staff are allowed to move between bubbles but we will keep this to a minimum. We are allowed to use supply teachers and visitors such as speech therapists. They will follow the same guidance as our staff and are encouraged to socially distance.

The guidance states that siblings may be in separate bubbles and the children who use the school bus and this is not an issue.

Breakfast Club and Little Owls

We will be able to offer this again from September 7th, prices and times have not changed. We ask that you only book if this is a genuine need (whilst we get the new systems up and running) and that you do your best to book by the end of the previous week so we can plan accordingly. Little Owls will use outdoors as much as possible, but when indoors the children will be sitting in their separate class bubbles. We will not be running any other clubs for the first term due to restrictions on children being in mixed groups and space issues.



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Drop off and collection

We will need to continue with staggered starts and collections in September, it is really important that you adhere to the allocated drop off and collection times as we have staggered these to enable social distancing to be in place outside of school gates and the entrances into school. We are still asking parents not to come onto the school site unless a meeting has been prearranged. A member of staff will be at the front of school to meet your child. We have staggered starts by mode of transport to make it easier for families with siblings in different classes.

- 8.40am / 3pm – Walkers
- 8.50am / 3.10pm - School buses
- 9am / 3.20pm - Cars

If you are driving in we would recommend you come in through the lanes and drop off and leave via Ziggason Hill. Please stay in your car and drop off, a member of staff will ensure your child gets into school safely. As they leave you, please remind them to leave a safe 2m distance between themselves and the child they are following into school.

If you have messages for staff we ask that where possible you ring or email these through or of course you can pre-arrange a telephone call or a socially distanced meeting.

Lunchtime and break times

Debbie will return to doing hot food in September, there will be a main option and a jacket potato on the menu each day. The new menu will be shared as soon as we receive it. The children will eat lunch in the school hall in their bubble' and high touch areas will be cleaned between bubbles.

Children will have staggered morning and lunchtime play times, each bubble will have an allocated area to play in. They will also have a separate box of play equipment.

Class arrangements

In Class 2 and 3 adults will be keeping their distance where possible and tables will either be forward facing or clear screens will be in place if they are in a group formation. Children will not be socially distanced, but we will be adapting the way we teach to work within the guidelines. Class 1 will not look very different, although the activities we plan will be adapted to ensure no prolonged close contact between children and to limit certain toys or equipment.

Classroom resources can be used and shared within a bubble. If your child is in Class 2 and Class 3, they may bring their own pencil case into school if you choose. Please limit the size and contents and it will need to stay in school for the term. If not, your child will be provided with their own pen, pencil, pencil, ruler and rubber.

Also, if you would like to provide your child with an individual packet of tissues and individual hand gel then that is fine, but we will also have plenty of supplies in school.

Health & Safety

Our detailed risk assessment will continued to be reviewed and updated weekly and we continue to have a system of controls in place that include frequent hand washing and enhanced cleaning. No one in school needs to wear masks (although we have full PPE available in case staff need it.) We ask you to continue to be vigilant, keep your child at home if they have symptoms that could be COVID-19 and to socially isolate following the guidance if anyone in the family tests positive, staff are asked to do the same. We have a duty to report any positive cases in children or staff to Public Health England and have to follow their advice. It is really important that you communicate with school if your child or anyone in your household has symptoms.

Uniform and bags

We expect children to be in uniform in September and the only special guidance around washing clothing is that it is washed regularly (at least weekly) and taken off as soon as they get home from school. Please remember footwear should be black school shoes and if your child cannot tie their shoe laces please can you make sure they have velcro shoes.

Until there is a change in guidance, children will need to come to school on the days they have PE in their PE kit as it is not within our current risk assessments to allow them to be changing for PE in school. I would suggest a pair of plain black tracksuit bottoms would be a good addition to your child's PE kit if they haven't already got them.

As we have to limit what moves between home and school and to keep our cloakrooms as safe as possible, the only bag that can come into school is a school book bag – no ruck sacks. We will share in September how we will be sending books home and changing them as we will have to allow for a 72 hour quarantine period.

As it is still safer to be outside, we will be doing this as much as we possibly can, so please make sure your child has wet weather clothing/sun cream and hats – as we will be going out in all kinds of weather where we can.