



*Ready, Respectful, and Resilient.*

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to you today to outline the schools plan for the remaining five weeks of this term. I must stress that this plan has been devised in-line with the current guidance and advice and therefore is subject to change.

As a school, we continue to formulate our plans by placing safety at the forefront of all our decisions. As mentioned before, we cannot eliminate the risk but we can do our best to reduce it. There are many factors that school has to consider when planning during this time. We begin with our health and safety duties and risk assessments and then have to consider, our physical environment and the space we have available, our current numbers in school and the potential numbers, capacity, staff availability and pupil-to-staff ratios. We have to keep in mind social distancing (where possible) and keep groups/bubbles under 15 children.

Furthermore, I must also stress that the new classroom build and the works in the main school are due to start within the next few weeks as well. This will mean there will be workman on site, who will have to cordon off areas of the school for safety, and as a result will limit the space available in school.

**With all this factored in, the school's plan is as follows:**

**Reception:** - Both Reception bubbles/groups will remain in school until Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July. From Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July, the Reception class will return to home schooling for the last two weeks of term. Mrs. Lorimer and Mrs. Swinburne will continue to provide home learning packs during this time.

**Year 1-5:** - will continue to be home schooled for the remainder of this term. Class teachers will continue to provide home learning packs during this time.

**Year 6:** - Will return to school on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July (Mon-Thurs) for the last two weeks of term. This will enable them to undertake some transition work (to complement the work already done with the secondary schools) and provide closure on their time at Lambley.

**Key Worker Children:** - Will still be able to attend school Monday through to Friday.

I want to stress that school has worked incredibly hard to try and bring more children back into school this term. However, once all the factors above are considered, this is the safest provision we are able to provide at this time.

I thank you for your support and understanding with this.

### **Year 6 and Key Worker Parents**

I understand that many of you have questions about how this is going to work, how we will try to minimise risk and what school will look like when they return. I hope the information below answers your questions but if you do have any further questions, please do not hesitate to email me (head@lambley.notts.sch.uk).

#### *When will the school be open for my child?*

- School will reopen for Year 6 on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July (Monday to Thursday)
- School will be closed to Year 6 on Fridays so we can do a deep clean.
- School will remain open for Key Worker children throughout the remainder of this term (Monday to Friday)
- We will deep clean the Key worker rooms after school on Friday.
- We ask that Key worker parents continue to let us know which days you need your child to attend school (providing as much notice as possible please)

#### *Will you be staggering the school day?*

Yes. School will be staggering the start and end times each day. This will enable us to limit the number of children and parents arriving at the school at the same time.

Throughout the school day, we will also stagger breaks and lunchtimes; giving each group their own specific times. More details of the staggered times will follow shortly.

#### *What will happen with lunchtimes? Can I send in a packed lunch?*

To limit contact, children will eat their lunch in their classroom before having some time outside in the playground (again this break will be staggered for each group).

Children eligible for Universal Infant Free School Meals will continue to be provided with a packed lunch and Year 6 parents can pay for a packed lunch. Alternatively, the guidance states that you can send your child into school with a packed lunch, if you prefer.

#### *What are the cleaning arrangements in school?*

School will be cleaned daily, including the key equipment

that the children are using. We will check regularly throughout the day that there is sufficient hand gel/soap for the children and that key areas are clean.

On top of this daily clean, the school will undertake a deep clean every Friday.

### What are school doing about social distancing?

As you will have seen from the Corporate Director's letter I sent previously, current guidance state that schools need 'to exercise some level of social distancing but does not require distancing of 2 metres.'

This said, school are doing all they can to keep a reasonable distance between the children and limit contact, but I must stress that I cannot guarantee that the children will always be 2m apart.

School will be taking the following steps to limit contact:

- Staggered start and end times
- Put markers outside school that are 2m apart as you queue to drop your child off.
- Children will enter school at a staggered rate and head straight to their class to wash their hands.
- Children will start their day at areas/desks that are 2m apart
- Staff will start every day with a daily briefing, reminding children about the expectations.
- Children will only be in contact with children and staff in their group.
- School will use staggered break times and lunch times

Whilst we will do everything we can to minimise contact between children, we cannot guarantee it. It is important to state that we cannot be as socially distanced as you are outside of school.

### I am a Key Worker with a child in the Year 6. Where will they work?

If you are a key worker and need school on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and/or Thursday, they will become part of the Year 6 group and no longer work with the key worker children.

Unfortunately, if you are a key worker and need school on the final two Fridays, then your child will have to stay with the key worker group all week. The government guidance is very clear that, at this time, we cannot mix groups of children. So, I cannot have a child in the Year 6 class Monday-Thursday and then re-integrate them into a Key Worker group on Friday. If this applies to you and you wish to discuss it further, please contact me.

Thank you all for your support during this time.

Stay safe, Lee Christopher