



Long Lawford
Primary School

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Monday 6th July 2020

September 2020

Dear Families,

It is with great pleasure that I write to you today to inform you that we will be **open to all children** from September 2020. We are delighted that this news has come from Central Government, and are now working hard on planning for your child's return to school, as there may be a few changes to our "normal practice" to ensure that **safety of all remains paramount**.

While this will be the first of a series of updates from me, here are a few answers to questions we have been asked so far. If your question is not answered today, please email it to admin2405@welearn365.com so that I may get an answer to you as soon as possible.

How is Transition going to work?

You should have by now received an email containing a letter regarding Transition arrangements for your child. I strongly urge you to consider sending your child back into school for this important session. If you are concerned about our arrangements or would like to talk it through with a member of staff, please do get in touch ASAP so that we may be able to provide you with the necessary support and information to enable your child to come back for their Transition session.

Can my child bring a gift for their teacher?

As always, our staff do not expect any gift at the end of the school year. As lovely as the thought is, may I ask that children do not bring a gift for their teacher at this time, to minimise risk of contracting the virus. Staff do not want to cause any upset by not being able to accept a gift from a child in their class at this time. I hope you all understand and will support us with this.

Staff will not be sending anything other than your child's belongings and school books home with them during their Transition Session.

Will the school be open to Key Worker or Vulnerable children during the Summer Holidays?

We have been informed by the Department for Education that schools will not be required to open for key worker or vulnerable children during the summer holidays. Our school is also undergoing some small capital works projects, and therefore the school will be closed to both children and staff during this time.

Is attendance monitoring starting again?

The guidance released on Thursday 2nd July states that from September, attendance at school will once again be mandatory. We are excited to see all children return and are looking forwards to seeing everyone. All children that were previously shielding will no longer need to do this from 1st August (unless advised by a medical professional and fall within the clinically extremely vulnerable group). As usual, following our agreement with the Warwickshire Attendance Service, no holidays will be authorised during term time. If you have any concerns regarding your child returning to school, please do get in touch with us. We can talk you through what is in place already (and what we intend to keep in place) as well as anything additional we can do to support your child's return to school.

It remains parental responsibility to inform the school if your child exhibits any virus symptoms, and the self-isolating guidance must still be followed. This information is vital if successful Track and Trace procedures are to be used. If your child is ill and is required to stay off school, parents must inform the school via email or phone call as they have done previously.

Our attendance monitoring is a rolling and ongoing process. The only period of time that will not be monitored will be from 20th March 2020 to 17th July 2020. Our expectation is that **children attend for at least 96% of the academic year**. Our updated attendance policy and procedure will be uploaded onto our website soon for your information.

What if there is a case of coronavirus at the school?

If there is a confirmed case, Track And Trace procedures will be initiated and the school will be guided

by Public Health. Any child exhibiting virus symptoms will be sent home immediately. If you cannot collect your child, you must arrange for another known adult to collect your child as soon as possible and for self-isolation guidelines to be followed. Your child will be able to access a coronavirus test as a result of showing symptoms. If the test is negative and the child has not exhibited a temperature in 48 hours, they may return to school. It is vital to follow this government guidance as it keeps everyone safe. Links to this guidance will be put on our school website in due course.

What are the school holiday dates for next academic year?

These are now on our website! Apologies for the delay in getting these out to you, however there were a few dates that needed confirming due to having external providers in school to deliver training. The dates are as follows:

Warwickshire School Term and Holiday Dates - 2020/21

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Half Term	Days
1	39
2	35
3	30
4	29
5	29
6	33
Total	195

	Total days
Autumn Term	74
Spring Term	59
Summer Term	62

■ School Holiday

■ Public Holiday

■ Teacher Training Day (+3 to be set by school)

■ School Training Day

■ Secondary School Induction Day



Additional dates to be aware of:

- KS1 (Year 2) SATs – 4th-28th May 2021
- KS2 SATs (Year 6) – week beginning 10th May 2021
- Year 1 Phonics Screen – Week beginning 7th June 2021
- Year 4 timetables check – 7th-25th June 2021

Will the day be staggered?

It is likely that we will stagger start and end-of-day times, as well as break times and lunchtimes, so that we can keep all children, parents/carers and staff **as safe as possible**. Further information will be released to you regarding this in due course.

Will the children still have PE?

Yes, they will! We have even appointed an additional member of staff to facilitate this from September.

Will school adults be wearing PPE?

The guidance states that adults in school will only wear PPE for administering first aid or supporting with intimate care needs. This was normal practice for all school prior to the closures due to the virus, and this practice will continue as normal. Staff will not be wearing visors or masks on door or gate duties.

Will the children wear school uniform?

From September, all children will be expected to wear their school uniform. Information on our uniform expectations and how to order school uniform is on our school website.

Will before and after school clubs resume?

We are hopeful that before and after school clubs will resume in September. Booking must usually be done in advance, however must be done by Friday 4th September 2020 at the latest.

I hope that this answers at least some questions for the moment, and when further plans are made and finalised, I will release this information to you as soon as I can. Once again, thank you for your ongoing support during these unprecedented times.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Claire Stringer
Headteacher