



# Long Lawford Primary School

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Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2020

## Welcome back!

Dear Families,

I am pleased to welcome you all back to school for another exciting academic year! Following Lockdown and subsequent school closures, it's great to see all of the children again, and am pleased to report that the children have enjoyed their first full week back at school.

As you know, some things have been added to our usual school day (like all schools), and I would like to thank all parents and carers for their ongoing support with helping to keep our school COVID safe. It is imperative that we all play our part to keep everyone safe. The school understands that some of the changes we have had to make can feel awkward at times, but you have all stuck with it and given us some great feedback on how to improve further.

With this in mind, an updated timings document will be uploaded today for use from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September. There haven't been too many changes with regards to timings, but further clarity has been added regarding drop-off and collection locations. Please email [admin2405@welearn365.com](mailto:admin2405@welearn365.com) if you have any difficulties with pick-up or drop-off times, and we will do our best to help you.



We are continually reviewing our Risk Assessment and will continue to tweak and improve on our current systems. We also continue to liaise with the Department for Public Health (WCC) and Public Health England (PHE) to ensure we are doing all we can to keep everyone safe. I am happy to report that there have been no confirmed cases reported at the school so far, due to these ongoing safety efforts.

However, if you or your child develop any of the COVID-19 symptoms (high temperature, new continuous cough or loss/change in your usual sense of taste or smell), then you must begin a period of self-isolation and must book a test as soon as possible. Tests can be booked online at <https://self-referral.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/antigen/name> or call 119. If you receive a positive test, you must inform the school immediately so that we can act swiftly, liaising with PHE and WCC Department for Public Health and keeping everyone as safe as possible. Our admin team has been well briefed with regards to symptoms and action needed, so if in doubt please call our main office and we will be happy to help.

Should your child be absent from school, our team will be in touch with you to arrange for online learning support and resources, ensuring that your child does not lose valuable learning time. We are here to support you with this as much as we can.



The school is also aware that there has been a rise in COVID-19 cases locally. We receive regular updates from WCC Department for Public Health, and have taken the decision at present to not participate in any local trips or sporting events until the number of local COVID-19 cases falls. I hope you understand that this decision has not been taken lightly and that we will of course resume these activities when it is safe to do so.

The school has received some enquiries regarding disposable lunch bags. Please can we remind all parents that by using disposable bags, we are doing all we can to mitigate risks to our children and staff. We understand that some lunchboxes can be washed in the dishwasher, but many can't. For everyone's safety, please can you provide your child's lunch in a disposable bag. This will be at least until October half term. As I said earlier, this is under constant review and should Government guidance relax before then, and the number of local cases are falling, we will, of course, reintroduce the use of normal lunchboxes. I thank you in advance with your co-operation with this.



Additionally, you will have noticed some improvements made at the front of our school. Back in January 2020, the school undertook a Security Audit from WCC, who highlighted that security at the front of our school was in need of improving. You may remember that members of the public were able to access the school office via a used playground throughout the day. The school whole-heartedly agreed that improvements needed to be made, and have liaised with WCC to make this happen and to keep everyone safe. We have received lots of great feedback about our necessary improvements – thank you to all that have commented on the new fencing! We have also received some great feedback from you regarding the Park Gate improvements. Your feedback is valuable to us and hope that you will continue to give us your thoughts and ideas, helping us to move our school forwards.



Furthermore, the school has now been granted funding for a small hall to be built in place of the portacabin. We are excited for this final phase of school building improvement, giving the children more room to have PE, assemblies, music lessons and before and after school clubs! We will update you in due course with regards to this piece of essential building work.

You may recall during Lockdown we asked parents and carers their thoughts about our current curriculum provision. We have reviewed your comments and are pleased to announce that we are writing our own curriculum for our children at Long Lawford Primary School. More information will come out in due course. [#GetReadyForIt](#)

Thank you to all of you who have liked our Facebook and Twitter Pages. We aim to keep these updated as much as possible. Please let us know if there is anything in particular you think would be useful to have information about.



Our usual newsletter will resume in a fortnight's time. Please regularly check the school app, website and social media channels for school updates (including some new policies coming soon!). As always, we are here to help. If you have any questions, worries or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch and our school team will do all they can to help and support you.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Claire Stringer  
Headteacher