

Frequently Asked Questions



From March 2021:

How will children be grouped and where will they be?

- Children will continue to be taught in whole class groups in their new classrooms with their teachers and support staff. Each class will form part of the "Year Group Bubble". Children in Reception and Year 1 will continue to be taught in the usual way to support curriculum delivery, with a focus on Continuous Provision. Classes and Year Groups will be assigned 'areas' around the school building, with each class and year group having their own toilets assigned and only sharing toilets where necessary.
- The children will remain in these 'areas' for the vast majority of the school day. There will be no mixing of children between areas during the school day, including break and lunchtimes.
- Children are not required to socially distance from other children in these areas although members of staff within these areas **will** be asked to socially distance where possible.

Will my child be able to play with their friends?

- There will be the opportunity to go outside for breaks as usual but children will only mix with the other children in their year groups. These breaks will continue to be staggered to ensure that children will not mix with any other year group.

How often will my child be in school?

- From Monday 8th March 2021, all children will attend school on a **full-time** basis according to staggered start and end times.

Will there be before and after school club provision?

- Parents have the option to access wraparound care (Breakfast and After-School Clubs) via Lighthouse Wrap Around Care. further information can be found on their website: <https://www.lawfordlighthouse.org.uk/schoolwraparoundcare.htm>
- LLPS sports clubs will not resume yet, and this will be reviewed at Easter.

Will my child be accessing the full curriculum?

- Yes – children will be offered a full, balanced and broad curriculum. However, at the start of the term there will be an emphasis on *well-being, positive mental health and catch-up* as part of our Re-Engagement and Recovery Curriculum.
- Homework activities will resume and be set on a regular basis.
- Swimming for Year 4 will resume when appropriate and safe to do so.

What safety measures will be put in place in classrooms and around school?

Entering and leaving the school site (new staggered start and finish times):

- There will continue to be a one-way system in place around the school site and all parents and children are required to observe social distancing.
- Each class from will enter school site via the improved Park gates and exit via the school carpark heading towards Holbrook Road.
- Each class has a 5minute drop-off time. We ask parents to adhere to this. However, if you miss this window, please speak to a member of staff on gate or door duty who will help you. Please do not go to the Main Office.
Where you have children in Reception and another year group, please drop the reception child last, even if this means your child will be late to class. Reception registers are undertaken at 9am, which should allow children to be dropped off. Please contact the school so that staff can support you with planning your new drop-off routine via admin2405@welearn365.com.
- We ask that only one parent/carer accompany their child for drop-off and collection, who must be 16+ years old (which is a Governor Policy at the school). If you require your child to be dropped off and collected by a person younger than this, please contact the school to discuss with a member of SLT.

- Parents and children should avoid gathering on the playground or at the school gates. We politely ask parents and carers to vacate the school site promptly.

Visitors to the School Site

- Parents are not permitted to enter classrooms. Parents/carers should continue to communicate with the school through telephone (01788 543332) or email (admin2405@welearn365.com).
- Information which will normally be shared in meetings with parents, will be sent electronically. Please ensure that the school has up-to-date contact information (including regularly checked email addresses).
- Parents will not be invited onto site for 'face-to-face' class assemblies and school performances until further notice.

Social Distancing

- Children are not required to socially distance within their classes or assigned areas in school, but there will be social distancing between classes and areas on the school site.
- Teachers will endeavour to maintain a social distance where possible to do so.
- Areas in school have been marked up with 2m distance markers to support social distancing.

Uniform and Resources:

- Children are expected to wear full school uniform, however, school recognises that children have grown and that some shops have not yet re-opened to purchase shoes/clothes.
- Children should wear their PE kit (all day) for days they are having PE – PE day information is on our school APP.
- Children will be provided with their own individual resources to use in class. Children do not need to bring their own pencil cases.
- Children will only be permitted to bring 'essential items' into school e.g. a bookbag (containing: reading record, reading book, any completed homework), a coat, their **lunch bag** (which we ask to be disposable sandwich bags for the time being), and a named water bottle. They will store their belongings in the lockers (or on pegs if in EYFS) that are allocated to their class. Children must take the contents of their locker home with them daily. **Please can the bringing in backpacks be avoided for the time being.**

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):

- Children are not required to wear face coverings at school.
- PPE may be worn by staff administering first aid, supporting Special Educational Needs where necessary or when supporting intimate care needs (which is usual school practice). PPE may also be worn by staff supervising children displaying COVID-19 symptoms and are awaiting swift collection from parents or carers.
- Staff will wear PPE (visors/masks) for daily gate duties.

Hygiene and Cleaning:

- Children and staff will continue to wash their hands on entry to the building and regularly throughout the day. Small children and those with complex needs, will continue to be supported to wash their hands properly. Hand sanitiser is available in each classroom, and will be supervised by an adult. **Children should not bring their own hand sanitiser into school.**
- Children will continue to use the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach to respiratory hygiene – lidded bins and tissues are provided in every classroom.
- There will continue to be increased cleaning of the building, particularly pupil areas. Children will be required to continue to wash their hands regularly.
- **Children do not need to bring their own hand sanitiser into school as this is provided in each classroom.**
- Each class has been allocated either a portable sink or a sink area within school to use for regular handwashing.
- Doors and windows will be open for increased ventilation. Parents should ensure that children are dressed in suitably warm clothing.

What are the arrangements for lunchtimes and school dinners?

- Children in years 1 to 6 will continue to eat their lunch in classrooms at their desks. They can bring a packed lunch from home or select either a hot or cold deli-bag option from the school kitchen. Children who qualify for Free School Meals (including the Universal Free School Meals for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) will be provided with a deli-bag. Reception will be the only year group to access the dinner hall at this time and will have access to a full menu (which will support their transition into school). KS2 children can pre-order a school packed lunch at the

cost of £2.35 a day or £11.75 a week. Payment must be made through the online payment system – please see the office for details.

Will tuck still be available for my child to purchase?

- For the time being, and to limit the possibility of children crossing into other bubbles, tuck provision will continue to be suspended. As government guidelines relax, the school will re-introduce tuck provision, ensuring that it is safe to do so.
- In place of tuck, can you please ensure your child brings a **healthy snack** into school. For EYFS and KS1, fruit will still be provided each day.
- Children have access to water in their classrooms via cups that are washed daily. If you would like your child to bring a drink from home, please make sure it is either in a disposable carton/bottle, or use a named water bottle. We ask that these bottles are washed at home daily before returning to school the following day. **We ask that children are not provided with fizzy/high sugar/caffeinated drinks.**

What if a child/adult displays symptoms of COVID-19 when in school?

- Following government guidelines, **individuals who are displaying coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or have someone in their household who is displaying symptoms, should not attend school.** Individuals who have tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) should not attend school for **10 days following a positive test.**
- If anyone in the school becomes unwell with **a new, continuous cough or a high temperature**, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), they will be sent home and advised to follow '[stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#)', which sets out that they must self-isolate for at least 10 days and should [arrange to have a test](#) to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19). Other members of their household (including any siblings) should self-isolate for 10 days from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms.
- Staff members and parents/carers must be ready and willing to:
 - **Book a test** if they are displaying symptoms.
 - Provide details of anyone they have been in close contact with if they were to test positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) or if asked by NHS Test and Trace
 - **Self-isolate** if they have been in close contact with someone who develops coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms or someone who tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19)
 - Inform the school immediately of the results of a test
- If someone tests negative, they feel well and no longer have symptoms similar to coronavirus (COVID-19), they can return to school. Proof of a negative test will be required by the school office.

What if a child/adult in school tests positive for Covid-19?

- If someone tests positive, they should follow the '[stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#)' and must continue to self-isolate for at least 10 days from the onset of their symptoms and then return to school only if they do not have symptoms other than cough or loss of sense of smell/taste. Other members of their household should continue self-isolating for the full 10 days.
- Where a child or staff member tests positive, the school will work with the health protection team to carry out a rapid risk assessment to confirm who has been in close contact with the person during the period that they were infectious, and ensure they are asked to self-isolate. **In most cases, this will mean that the whole of their class or year group (as appropriate) will be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 10 days.** Household members of those contacts who are sent home do not need to self-isolate themselves unless the child, young person or staff member who is self-isolating subsequently develops symptoms.
- If schools have two or more confirmed cases within 14 days, or an overall rise in sickness absence where coronavirus (COVID-19) is suspected, this will be classed as an outbreak. In the case of an outbreak, health protection teams may recommend that a larger number of other pupils self-isolate at home as a precautionary measure – this may be the whole school population.

What if I have been on holiday? Does my child need to self-isolate?

- It very much depends on the country you have visited. Further information regarding self-isolation periods can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-travel-corridors>

What if my child has a medical appointment?

- As usual, inform the school about the appointment (preferably via email to admin2405@welearn365.com). Advance notice of an appointment means that you will not be waiting for your child to be brought over from their classroom.
- For the time of the appointment, your child will be brought up to the Main Office for collection. Upon return from an appointment, your child can be dropped off at the Main office, where they will be delivered back to class by a member of staff.

What Home Learning opportunities will be provided to children who are required to self-isolate?

- Remote education will be provided to all children who are self-isolating at home. Details are on the school website>>
<https://www.longlawfordprimaryschool.com/page/?title=Learning+From+Home%2FRemote+Learning&pid=1038>
- If a child or family is required to self-isolate due to a family member within the household testing positive for COVID-19, have been advised to self-isolate by a medical professional or have been on holiday to a country and the 10 day isolation period extends past the start of the school year, parents and carers must notify the school immediately so that home learning provision can be made for your child. The school will also be able to update registers.

Can I choose not to send my child into school?

- The government are clear that from Monday 8th March 2021, usual attendance rules will apply.
- Parents who may be reluctant or anxious about their child returning to school should contact the school to discuss their concerns.