



# Lythe Church of England School



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Dear Families

Back to school  
Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>  
September

## Arrangements for September 2020

It is hard to believe that we have come to the end of the school year, and our unprecedented seventeen-week term. I'm sure you are as exhausted as we are, but hope that you also have a huge sense of achievement and pride in all that you have done for your families during this time. Everyone is safe and well and learning of all kinds has taken place; children who have returned to school have settled in quickly and happily, and I will say again how proud I am of the courage and cheerfulness of our whole school community in extremely challenging circumstances.

## Coming back in September

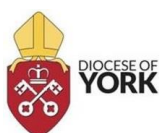
Term starts on **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September** and all children should attend school as normal. Below is a summary of our current plans for the new term. We are expecting further government guidance in August, and will let you know the final details and any changes to the arrangements and expectations before we start.

All staff are involved in detailed risk assessment, and the full document will be available on the school website in August. Our procedures for our current bubbles have worked very well, and staff and children are very used to working safely throughout the school day.

Important things that you need to know are:

### **Anyone who displays symptoms of the virus must not come onto the school premises**

If a child or staff member develops symptoms compatible with Covid-19, they will be sent home immediately. If a child or staff member tests positive, the rest of their 'bubble' will be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days. Parents and Carers must be ready and willing to book a test if they or their child are displaying symptoms. All children can be tested, including children under 5.



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## **We will follow robust hand and respiratory hygiene procedures**

All children will wash hands on arrival at school, and will wash them regularly throughout the day. Hand gel will also be available to supplement this. All children will be helped to follow “catch it – bin it – kill it” procedures.

## **We will have extra cleaning**

Classrooms are arranged to allow for easy cleaning throughout the day and all staff take responsibility for doing this (including the toilets!)

## **We will all engage with NHS Test and Trace**

Parents, carers and staff will need to be ready and willing to 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 & Trace. Your family will also need to be ready and willing to 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). You must inform the school immediately of the results of a test.

## **We will reduce contact between people and observe social distancing as much as possible**

### *Class Bubbles*

To keep mixing of children to a minimum, each class will act as a bubble. This means that they will not mix with children from other classes (other than outside in the Forest), and staff movement between bubbles is kept to an absolute minimum. Bubbles will have their own equipment, resources and play spaces.

### *Classroom organisation*

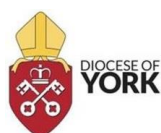
Resources are organised so that children share as little as possible, and desks in Oak and Willow are arranged in rows so that children are not directly facing each other. Children will observe distancing as far as they possibly can in the classroom and around school; we have markers on the floor to help older children keep their distance as they move around school and line up during the school day. Children in school so far have been very good at this.

### *Lunchtimes*

Lunch will be served in classrooms (which are cleaned before eating), with school dinners brought from the kitchen. Children may bring a packed lunch if they prefer.

### *Parent social distancing*

Please do not come onto the school premises: children will be met by staff at the school gates and brought back to the gate at the end of the day. Please observe 2m distancing as you wait to hand over or collect your child, and take great care and be patient if you are coming in from the top car park. If you need to talk to a member of staff, please telephone and we will arrange a socially-distanced meeting if needed.



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### *Playtimes*

Acorn will have access to their own outside area throughout the day as usual. The rest of the school grounds will be divided so that Oak and Willow have their own play areas and equipment. The MUGA will be used on a weekly rota basis.

### *Collective Worship*

We will not be able to physically gather together as a school, and will have our daily worship in our class bubbles. We will, however, hold our weekly Achievement Assembly using Zoom, so that we can continue to see each other and celebrate our achievements.

### **Other information:**

#### **School uniform**

Children in Reception-Y6 should wear full, smart school uniform with hair tied back if it is long enough. Uniform should be clean on every morning.

#### **What to bring**

Please bring as little as possible to school – other than a coat, any medication, a labelled water bottle, a snack and a packed lunch if required, children will not need anything. Please avoid bringing a bag other than a book bag – we have a system in place for changing reading books. Children are encouraged to wear their PE kit or Forest clothes to school on the days that these activities take place.

#### **Beginning and end of school day**

You may arrive at school between 8:45am and 9:00am . There will be a member of staff to welcome your child at each of the school gates – please observe social distancing and wait safely until it is your turn to come in. We will return children to the gates at hometime and hand them over.

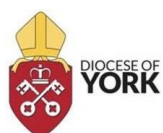
#### **School Dinners**

We are pleased that the school kitchen will be re-opening and school dinners are available as usual. These will be served in classrooms to avoid mixing our bubbles. The cost of school dinners has reduced slightly this term and is now £2.78 per day (£13.90 per week), payable on a Monday in advance.

We encourage you to pay by bank transfer to avoid cash handling in the office. Please contact Mrs Welford on 893373 or [admin@lythe.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@lythe.n-yorks.sch.uk) with your bank details and she will arrange this for you. If this is impossible, please send money into school in a sealed, named envelope.

#### **Seashells**

Seashells will be available as usual before and after school, and follows the same health and safety rules as the rest of the school. Our price has been the same for five years, but there is now a slight increase in cost to £4.00 per session. Please contact Mrs Welford on 893373 or [admin@lythe.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@lythe.n-yorks.sch.uk) to book your place.



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We hope that you find our arrangements reassuring. We have evaluated and refined our procedures throughout the weeks of lockdown, and strictly observe our safety rules while keeping the school a welcoming, nurturing place where your child will flourish academically, physically and spiritually. We hope that you will contribute to our ongoing review of our provision and procedures in September.

As always, please contact us with any questions. Thank you to all who have returned their "Returning to School" sheets: that is extremely helpful and we will contact you to discuss your particular questions.

May I wish you all a fantastic and very well-earned summer holiday, and thank you again for all you have done. We can't wait to see you again in September.

Yours sincerely

Lisa Armstrong

Head Teacher.



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