

# LARCHWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Reopening of schools

Dear Parent / Carer

We have good news! The government has now published the new guidance in regard to the full opening of schools in September. I am pleased to announce that all year groups will be returning on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September (Reception have their own individual start dates).

The guidance allows schools to go back to 30 children in a classroom and this is our intention. Friends will be reunited with each other and the school will feel as close to 'normal' as possible. That said, children will still be in bubbles and we have decided to make year groups bubbles. This enables smoother management of other elements of school life. Two such things being, breakfast and after school club.

Both provisions will be available to our parents from the start of the new academic year. Timings will be the same and places will not be limited. If you want your child to attend breakfast and/or after school club, you just need to book them. Children will be kept in their year group bubbles in both provisions.

Other restrictions will also be in place, such as staggered break times and lunchtimes, all of which will be conducted within year group bubbles. Other additional safety measures, such as the extra cleaning currently being undertaken, will also continue.

At the moment the school is operating under the current government guidance and as you know, we have spread out across the whole school to accommodate the specified returning children. We now need to get ready for September and to do this the last day of term is changing.

We will now be closing on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July and not Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July for all children. These two days will enable staff to not only prepare their classrooms but also the wider areas of school, enabling a return for all children in September. Exciting times!

The government guidance makes it clear that, come September, attendance is mandatory and as such, our expectation will be the same. For any child not returning, we will follow our normal procedures regarding non-attendance.

Lastly, drop off and pick up times will be different but I will write to you separately regarding this.

We look forward to having every child back in school.

Mr R Duff  
Headteacher

