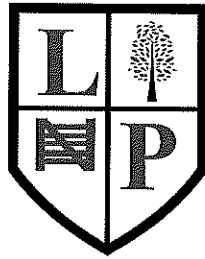


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Wednesday 13th May 2020

Dear Year 6 Parent / Carer

As my previous letter stated, the government has asked schools in England to prepare for the return of three highlighted year groups, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6, from the 1st June.

The Senior Leadership Team has thought carefully about the safest way we can do this, following the government guidance, and this is our plan (based on 30 children returning).

Children will be taught in one classroom (with no more than 10 children) by one teacher and one LSA.

The classrooms will be as follows:

- Miss Adams and Mrs Bean
- Mr Sumner and Mrs Carter
- Miss Dow and Mrs Bailey

Desks will be socially distanced and one child will sit on a desk designed for two children. The spare seat will accommodate their belongings (coat, bag etc) and the additional space on the desk will accommodate their tray. This will have all the resources they will need throughout the day. This is designed to reduce the amount of movement around the classroom.

During playtime, children will only play with the children within their class. They will not be mixing with children from the other classes. We will be creating 'bubbles' of up to 10 children in Year 6. Other social distancing measures will also be in place across the school plus we will be reminding children of hand hygiene throughout the day. Reading books will not be sent home during this time but please return all reading books you have at home. Children will need a fruit snack, water bottle and PE kit.

Teaching will be focusing on the core subjects – reading, writing and maths. We will add cross curricular links to the foundation subjects where possible. We are hopeful that any gaps from their absence will start to be closed. Children will also be doing PE outside.

The school day will be 8:30am to 12:30pm daily. Lunch will not be provided. Children are to be dropped off and picked up from the same location as normal. Social distancing measures will be in place.

For your child to return to school, you must be able to answer a phone call at any time your child is at school. Additionally, any child that is poorly must be picked up from school within 30 minutes. If this is not possible, unfortunately your child cannot return to school. This stipulation is in place to protect other children and staff. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation regarding this.

Please email or call the school by 9am on Monday 18th May if you intend for your child to return to school on 1st June (if we are open). All emails are to be sent to homelearning@larchwood.essex.sch.uk. If we do not hear from you, we will presume you do not want your child to return to school before the summer. Staff will be returning next week to prepare for 1st June and we need pupil numbers to assist us with this. When we know the numbers of children returning, I will then communicate with those families again.

Mr R Duff
Headteacher

