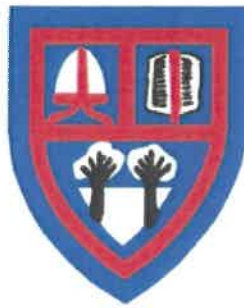


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Dear Parents / Carers

Once again schools in Leicester City and parts of Leicestershire have been hit with the unexpected news of lockdown following the same rules as the original lockdown. This has led to us having to close the school to our reception, Year 1 and 6 pupils. As I stated earlier in the week, we have been very disappointed in being asked to do that but we have to follow the government guidance to ensure that everybody stays safe.

The government guidance for the autumn term was released yesterday and once senior leaders have read and dissected the guidance, we will let you know what that means for Launde children. We are expected to be open for all pupils and we will make every effort to ensure that every child returns to school feeling safe, secure and eager to learn. Staff are anxious to see all the children and want to see their classrooms buzzing once again.

Some families will have received school reports already but all others will be posted to you in the coming days. Should you wish to discuss the report then you may email the teachers to arrange a telephone call to discuss the reports. We have kept the classes the same in each year group so that all children are familiar with each other and will settle in quicker when they return back to school.



zoom

Next week parents are invited to take part in the Zoom meetings to meet the new teachers where staff will set out expectations for the coming year. Zoom meeting links have already been sent out and will be sent out again along with this newsletter. To give you advance warning of those expectations we are highlighting some in this newsletter.

School uniform will be expected for all children however there is a change in footwear. We would prefer all children to come in trainers to school all the time rather than outdoor shoes to then change into plimsolls. This is to avoid them having to take shoes on and off. There will be no need to buy plimsolls for the coming year as children will no longer need them in school.



On the day that your child has PE, we would expect your child to turn up in their PE clothes rather than the school uniform. This is to prevent them leaving their clothes lying around and other people possibly touching them. Children are no longer allowed to bring in bags into school, which includes book bags as well.



No child will need to bring in any pencil cases as each child will have their own personal pencil case provided by the school that has been made up by the staff and will remain with them and replenished as necessary by the class teachers. The pencil cases will be wiped clean after school ready for the next day.

The staff will talk about other expectations of each year group during the talk. You will be able to ask questions and the teachers will endeavour to answer them however they will not necessarily have all the information on the detail about returning to school and that has only just come out and staff will be working through it. The returning to school information will come in the newsletters from senior leaders so that all parents get the same messages at the same time.

As a reminder, the Trace and Trace system is up and running in our area should you be showing symptoms of the coronavirus or been in close proximity with anyone with the virus. The following link is from the government and will explain how it works and what to do.

Guidance

NHS test and trace: how it works

An overview of the NHS test and trace service, including what happens if you test positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) or have had close contact with someone who has tested positive.

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From: [Department of Health and Social Care](#)

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nhs-test-and-trace-how-it-works>

Summer camp information for the local area is attached, compiled by our Parent officer, Mrs Groenewald. Please note that due to the current lock down situation, the advice is that priority of places will be for children of crucial workers and vulnerable children. However, each provider will clearly have their own rules and regulations and work within these parameters. This will of course be a changing situation to reflect the most recent government guidance.

Enjoy the weekend and stay safe.

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