



# Little Hill Primary School

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Dear Parents /Carers,

Firstly, thank you for your continued patience whilst we continue to work through our planning process and implement measures following the most recent Department for Education guidance for all pupils to return to school, full time, from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020. Please note, this date is different from the one that I advised you of previously. Our local secondary school will also be reopening on 1st September.

This letter will provide you with the information regarding the re-opening of Little Hill for all of our pupils from September. As you are aware, Oadby and Wigston are continuing to be in lockdown and this information may change depending on the local and national lockdown measures. I will of course keep you updated should this be the case.

The health and safety of every child, member of staff and our school community is always our highest priority and this remains unchanged as we prepare to welcome all of our pupils back to school. A summary of our risk assessment will be available for you all to access on our website from 24<sup>th</sup> August 2020. This details all the measures we will be taking during the autumn term to ensure that our children and staff are safe. Our risk assessments include making adaptations to Little Hill so that school is as safe as possible for everyone

The government expects all pupils to attend school from 1<sup>st</sup> September and we are looking forward to working with you to ensure all of the children attend school every day from the beginning of term. The usual rules on school attendance will apply.

## Who can come to school?

The following year groups will all return to school on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September**.

Year 1 ✓

Year 2 ✓

Year 3 ✓

Year 4 ✓

Year 5 ✓

Year 6 ✓

Children will be taught in their class groups. They will remain in this group throughout the school day and will avoid mixing with other groups. Staff are now able to work with different groups but must socially distance as much as possible.

## What about our 'new starters' in the Foundation Stage?



Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 restrictions and guidance, we have been unable to do any transition work with our new pupils and families. I have written to these families separately and will write to them again with up-to-date information on their child starting at Little Hill. We will be starting our transition sessions with them from the beginning of term with a plan to have them all in school by the end of September.



## What time should your child arrive at school and depart?

In line with government guidelines, to keep our whole-school community safe, there will be staggered start and end times to the school day as outlined in the table below. Punctuality is extremely important, and I urge all families to adhere to government social distancing guidelines to and from school. This is especially important when you are on school site either waiting for your child or dropping them off. |

	Arrival time	Pick up time	Where to drop off?	Where to pick up?
Year 1	8.40am	2.55pm	Through the main green gate at the side of the Foundation stage.	1CT - Through the double-door large Hall fire escape, which is on the right-hand-side of the school (next to the main office doors).  1HG - Through the single door large Hall fire escape, which is on the left-hand-side of the school.
Year 2	9.00am	3.15pm	2BP - Through the double-door large Hall fire escape, which is on the right-hand-side of the school (next to the main office doors).  2KC - Through the single door large Hall fire escape, which is on the left-hand-side of the school.	2BP - Through the double-door large Hall fire escape, which is on the right-hand-side of the school (next to the main office doors).  2KC - Through the single door large Hall fire escape, which is on the left-hand-side of the school.

Year 3	9am	3.15pm	Through the main green gate at the side of the Foundation stage.	ONE WAY SYSTEM – In through the green main gates and out through the red gate. Then directly from the classroom fire-exit door.
Year 4	8.40am	2.55pm	Through the large red gate on the left-hand-side of the school near to the carpark.	ONE WAY SYSTEM – In through the green main gates and out through the red gate. Then directly from the classroom fire-exit door.
Year 5	8.50am	3.05pm		
Year 6	9am	3.15pm		

The day for all pupils meets the government guidelines of teaching time required.

If you have more than one drop off and pick up to do, please ensure that you wait safely on the school grounds, maintaining social distancing. Only one parent/carer will be allowed to drop off or pick up their child. We are unable to release pupils earlier than the time allocated. Children and siblings will not be allowed on the play equipment at home time.

## Will there be before and after school clubs?

Metcalf Sport will run some before and after school clubs, however these will be limited as we can only run clubs keeping groupings in mind. E.g. a class can have a club together but not mix with other classes.



Metcalf Sport will write to you at the start of the year with more information. Other school clubs will be finalised in the autumn term, following more government guidelines being released.

## Does my child have to come to school ?



You will be held to account for your child's attendance. The Government want every child to attend school.



There could be fines if your child does not attend school.

## How are you making sure school is safe?



We will check for risks before school is open.



Regular hand washing.



If a child or family member is sick, they can not come to school.



Regular cleaning.



Class groupings will stay together all day and will not be able to mix with other groups.



Changes made to the school day.

## Will my child be tested?



This will continue to be your responsibility if your child shows symptoms of Coronavirus – you must organise this yourselves. This test will not be carried out in school. The Government have said that they will give schools a limited amount of testing kits to give out to families. However, we have not had these or the guidance for these yet.

## What else do I need to know?



Teachers will focus upon familiarising the children with the school rules and routines during the first few days of school. This will include specific lessons on hygiene, social distancing and attitudes to learning. We will provide our broad and ambitious curriculum in line with government guidelines, whilst ensuring key gaps in learning which stop our children from moving forward, are filled.

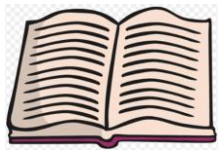


Children can bring a packed lunch. Alternatively, school packed hot meals will be available at the normal cost of £2.30. These will be delivered to your child's classroom.

**Please ensure your child can open all the items included in their lunch box without assistance.** Each class has been allocated a staggered break and dinner time which will be spent in a designated zone.



In order to avoid spreading germs, there will be no water fountains in use. We ask that your child brings in their own named water bottle each day.



Your child will be given a reading book to take home. Please ensure that you are reading with them daily at home. Reading books in school will be carefully managed in line with our risk assessments to ensure everyone's safety. Please continue to maintain high standards of hand washing before and after reading.



We expect all pupils to attend school in their school uniform. They should bring a small bag to school containing their books, lunchbox and a water bottle. All items must be clearly marked with their names. All named clothing will be returned to your child but we **will not** be keeping lost property.

On PE days, children can come to school in their PE Kits (as a temporary measure). We will inform you which days your child has PE on the first day of term. Most, PE Lessons will be outdoors during the Autumn Term.



We have increased the amount of cleaning hours available during the day.



No parents/carers are to come into the school building without a prior arrangement being made. If required, email or ring the office to leave a message.



We have increased the frequency in the cleaning of toilets and sinks.



**It is essential that your child arrives at the correct allocated drop-off time. It is equally important that they are collected promptly at the appropriate pick-up time. We do not encourage congregations of adults or children and insist that you social distance (1+ metres) from those outside your household.**



**On hot days, you may wish for them to wear sun cream. Please apply this sun cream to them before they come to school. If they require it to be re-applied during the day, they must be able to do this themselves. Send your child to school with a cap/hat and a waterproof coat.**

As you are aware, we are dealing with an ever-changing picture. Leicester is currently the number one hot spot in the country for Coronavirus. Oadby and Wigston is number 5 so we are directly affected. I will continue to keep you updated with school developments and would like to reassure you that we will do our absolute best to welcome our pupils back to the safe, welcoming school that they are so used to.

Do keep yourselves and your families safe during this time and please do not hesitate to contact us through our office email if you require any further information.

Thank you for your on-going support.

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