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Dear Parents/Carer,

LETTER NO 21 - Information and Arrangements for National Closure

Firstly, thank you for your continued patience whilst we work through this ever-changing landscape. As you are aware, the Nation went into a full lockdown overnight, asking schools to close for the vast majority of its children. The health and safety of every child, member of staff and our school community is always our highest priority and this remains unchanged. Our most recent risk assessment is available for you all to access on our website. This details all the measures we will take to ensure that our children, staff and school community are safe.

How is my child being taught during the National Lockdown?

Children will be offered the same provision whether they are working remotely at home or in school. Teachers will be following our blended learning policy, which can be found on our website, to ensure that all children from EYFS to Year 6 are provided with an education during this lockdown period. We also understand that families are working from home and need to be flexible with when they ask their child to sit and complete their learning tasks for that day. Teachers will be giving feedback and checking your child is completing their learning tasks as well as maintaining the education for those key worker children in school.

Does my child have to come to school?

No, if it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.

Who can come to school?

Children who are classed as vulnerable - supported by social care, those with safeguarding and welfare needs, including child in need plans, on child protection plans, 'looked after' children, young carers, disabled children and those with education, health and care (EHC) plans.

Children where both parents are key workers or you are a single parent who is critical to the COVID-19 response. **These parents have been contacted today and their place has been confirmed.**

What time should your child arrive at school and depart?

Punctuality is extremely important, and I urge all families to adhere to government social distancing guidelines to and from school. We are continuing to use the one-way system. This is especially important when you are on our school site either waiting for your child or dropping them off.

Timings for the day are 8:40am – 3:15pm

- EYFS - to drop off and collect from the EYFS playground.
- Year 1 - to drop off at the main green gate and collect from the large hall door by the main office.
- Year 2 - to drop off at the main green gate and collect from the large hall door by the kitchen gate.
- Year 3 - to drop off at the main green gate and collect from the quad (Year 3 fire exit doors).
- Year 4 - to drop off at the main red gate and collect from outside 4CW.



- Years 5 and 6 - to drop off at the main red gate and collect from outside 5JP or Year 6 building. Those children with permission to walk home can in Years 5 and 6, please stress to your child the importance of following health and safety rules.

Please ensure we have up-to-date information on who has permission to collect your child/children as it will not always be the class teacher seeing out at the end of the day.

What should children wear?

We expect all children to attend school in their school uniform. They can bring a small bag to school containing their 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, which have not changed from last term, children can come in wearing their PE Kits.

How will lunchtime work?

Children can bring a packed lunch. Alternatively, school packed hot meals will be available at the normal cost of £2.30, which can be paid for in the same way as previously. 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/year group bubble will be spent in a designated zone.

Pupil Premium Children – Food Parcels

If you are in receipt of pupil premium and would like a food parcel during the national lockdown and your child is staying at home, please email or telephone the school office. We will then provide further details to these families.

Bubble Closures

Bubbles will need to close for the 10-day isolation period if we have a positive Covid19 test result. A bubble could also close if we have a staff shortage. If this happens, the children of that bubble will follow the remote learning package until it is safe for them to return.

Communication

Class Dojo and Tapestry are for accessing and submitting work and schoolwork related enquiries to the class teacher. Any whole school concerns must be made through the office email office@littlehill.leics.sch.uk or telephone 0116 2811963

As you are aware, we are dealing with an ever-changing picture. I will continue to keep you updated with school developments.

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.

Kind regards

Mrs Cartledge-Splitt

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