



# Little Hill Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer

## **LETTER NO 25 – Re-opening for All Pupils 8<sup>th</sup> March**

Great news: we are really looking forward to welcoming you all back to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. As you are aware, we are still in the pandemic but numbers are decreasing allowing us to reopen our doors for everyone once again. The health and safety of every child, member of staff and our school community is always our highest priority and this remains unchanged. It is for this reason that I wish to remind you of a few key safety points that will help to minimise the spread of infection.

### **Does my child have to come to school?**

Yes, all pupils will be expected to attend school from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March and therefore, home learning will no longer be provided.

### **How can I help maintain a safe school environment?**

#### **Do**

- strictly follow the Government advice
- wear a face mask on our school site (if you are exempt wear your lanyard)
- make space - keep 2m distance
- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- do not linger on the school grounds at the start or end of the day
- avoid public transport and sharing of lifts. Walk and cycle to school if possible.
- remember playdates are currently not permitted under the government guidance

### **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?**

This will work in the same way it has from September. Pupils will eat and play in a designated zone.

### **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.





Please note that siblings can arrive together at one of the allocated times for their respective year groups. At the end of the school day, siblings should be picked up at the latest collection time please.

If you have a child in Year 5 or 6 who has permission to walk home, please stress to them the importance of following health and safety rules.

### **Covid-19**

All staff and pupils, if they develop symptoms of coronavirus, will need to continue to follow rapid action and take a Covid-19 PCR test. If the test comes back positive, the affected pupil or member of staff will be required to self-isolate at home for 10 days, as will any pupils and members of staff they have been in close contact with (e.g. the rest of the pupil's class).

### **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](mailto:office@littlehill.leics.sch.uk) or telephone 0116 2811963.

We recognise that you may have some concerns about your child returning to school and that another change will be unsettling for some children. If you need to and require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us through our office email. Thank you for your on-going support.

### **How can I get support?**

Due to the national lockdown and home-schooling taking place, we do not underestimate how different the recent weeks have been. We recognise that you may wish to seek support for yourselves (as parents/carers) from the following support agencies:

- Samaritans – call free 24 hours a day on 116 123
- National Domestic Abuse Helpline – call for free and confidential advice, 24 hours a day on 0808 2000 247
- Shelter provide free confidential information, support and legal advice on all housing and homelessness issues if you call 0330 0536 083 (please note, this is not a free phone number and your call will be charged), or their free webchat is available at [https://england.shelter.org.uk/get\\_help/webchat](https://england.shelter.org.uk/get_help/webchat)

I hope that this answers most of your queries regarding the measures we are taking to ensure that your child's education continues at this time. Please be assured, we will do everything we can to safeguard the health of your child and every member of the school community, and to communicate in as clearly and timely a manner as possible.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for supporting the school over recent weeks and supporting your child with their home learning. You have all been amazing!

Kind regards

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