



# LIONEL WALDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you are well and have enjoyed the summer break. The staff and I are very much looking forward to welcoming your child into school tomorrow.

A letter detailing the arrangements for this term was emailed to you on 21<sup>st</sup> July and, at this point, the information remains as stated therein. That letter is attached again for your reference. All pupils are expected to enter their classrooms at **8.45am**; school finishes for everyone at **3.15pm**. The **one-way system will remain in operation** - please enter by the smaller pedestrian access and leave from the playground along the wider, vehicular exit. The entry/exit points for each class are as follows:

Reception	-	through the front door of the annexe building
Year 1	-	through the gate in outdoor area adjacent to Year 1 Classroom
Year 2	-	through the door adjacent to Year 2 Classroom
Year 3	-	through the Conservatory
Year 4	-	through the classroom door along the pedestrian walkway
Year 5	-	through the classroom door along the pedestrian walkway
Year 6	-	through the main school front door

The staff will supervise the pupils in Reception, Years 1, 2 and 3 leaving the classroom at hometime and will ensure that each child walks over to their parent. Pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6 will exit the classroom independently - please ensure that your child knows who is collecting them each day and that they must return to their classroom if their parent is not present. If you wish your child to walk home independently at any time, please inform the School Office by email on the day.

Following the Government's decision to remove most requirements for safety measures in schools (mainly due to the vaccination programme), it still remains important that we continue to give consideration to the extent to which the virus can spread in school. We want to prevent staff and pupil absence and minimise disruption to our children's education. We shall, therefore, maintain good ventilation, frequent handwashing and regular cleaning of surfaces. This term, we are planning to return to a wider curriculum with increased participation in activities such as sport and PE, including some swimming sessions for pupils in Key Stage 2 (further information will follow for those classes involved) and external coaching. We have an Outbreak Contingency Plan should rates increase in school, or locally, which may result in the reintroduction of measures previously in place.



With this letter, you should also have received the latest 'Guidance for Parents from 16<sup>th</sup> August 2021' which is a flow chart outlining what to do for any suspected or confirmed cases of Covid-19 in a child or young person. Please note that there is no requirement for children to self-isolate, or adults to self-isolate if they have received both vaccinations, if they are a close contact of someone with Covid.

I am also advising you that, during the summer break, scheduled work commenced to replace the boilers in the main plant room. This work is due to be completed at the end of September. You will notice that the area is cordoned off adjacent to the entrance to the Year 4 Classroom. These works will not cause any obstruction to parents and children as they access school or to our working day. We will not, however, have any heating until October. Normally, the heating is not switched on during September but, as the weather is rather cooler than expected for this time of year, you may wish to make sure your child has their school sweatshirt or jumper with them in case they need to add an extra layer. Please also bear in mind that, as ventilation is one of the measures we are maintaining in order to minimise the spread of Covid, windows will remain open throughout the school day even through the winter period, as last year.

Thank you, in advance, for your continued support. Please do not hesitate in contacting me, via the School Office, if you have any questions or queries, or would like further information on anything at all.

Yours sincerely

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