



Linthorpe Community Primary School

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Headteacher: Mrs. S. Lymer

Dear Parents,

Following the announcement this week, we are very much looking forward to welcoming all of our pupils back to school from March 8th. I am sure our families are looking forward to resuming routines and children will be excited to see their friends and teachers after a long period of time at home.

Whilst the reopening of schools is a significant step closer to normal life, the safety of our school community including our pupils, staff and parents remains our priority. The government has made it very clear that lockdown is not yet over, other restrictions have not yet been lifted and we must all continue to play our part in minimising risk of transmission of the virus wherever possible.

Our rigorous risk assessment has been reviewed in line with the most up to date government guidance. Please read the important safety information below carefully:

- **Classes:** We will operate year group bubbles and classes as normal.
- **Staff Testing Programme:** All school staff are taking part in a twice weekly lateral flow Covid-19 testing programme. All teachers and other staff can operate across different classes and year groups if needed in order to facilitate the delivery of the school timetable.
- **Masks:** All adults, unless medically exempt, are expected to wear a face covering when entering our site. Staff will continue to wear face coverings. In line with government guidance, primary age pupils are not required to wear a face covering.
- **Parents and carers on site:** In order to reduce traffic on the school site, please ensure only one adult per family is present for drop off/collection. Please follow signage for one way walking systems and socially distance wherever possible. As prior to lockdown, the school office is limited to a maximum of four parents at once. The preferred choice of contact for our admin team is via telephone on 01642 885222 or via email LTContact@linthorpeprimary.co.uk
- **Staggered Start and Finish Times:** In order to minimise contact and therefore limit the transmission of Coronavirus, we will continue to operate staggered start and end times to our school day. Please ensure your child is at their entrance ready for a punctual start to each day. (See the table below.)

	Nursery/ LL am	Nursery/ LL pm	Rec	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Start Time	8.30am	12.30am	8.35-8.40am	8.35-8.45am	8.25-8.35am	8.35-8.45am	8.40 am	8.50 am	8.50 am
Finish Time	11.15am	3.15pm	2.45-2.55 pm	3.00 pm	2.50 pm	3.10 pm	3.10 pm	3.20 pm	3.20 pm
Line up point	Nursery Entrance	Nursery Entrance	Middle Yard	KS1 Astroturf via double gates	KS1 Astroturf via double gates	Ramp near minibus	Spots near climbing frame	Spots near minibus	Spots near climbing frame
Entry to school	Nursery Entrance	Nursery Entrance	Pink	Red	Red	Blue	Purple	Blue	Purple



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Attendance: School attendance will be mandatory again from March 8th. From this point, the usual rules on school attendance will apply, including:

1. It is a parent's duty to ensure that their child attends regularly at school where the child is a registered pupil at school and they are of compulsory school age
2. It is schools' responsibility to record attendance and follow up absence
3. Sanctions, including fixed penalty notices, can be issued
4. In the event of a child presenting with symptoms of COVID-19, please follow covid reporting procedures and government guidance around testing and isolation periods.
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

- **Uniform:** All pupils will be expected to return to school on 8th March in full school uniform.
- **PE Kits:** Pupils should continue to come to school in their PE kit on their PE days. Please see timetable below:

Reception	Wednesday
Year 1	Wednesday and Thursday
Year 2	Monday and Thursday
Year 3	Thursday and Friday
Year 4	Monday and Tuesday
Year 5	Wednesday and Friday
Year 6	Tuesday and Friday

- **Book Bags:** Daily, children may bring book bags to school. Reading books from Autumn term should be returned back to school on 8th March. Large rucksacks should be left at home to limit the amount of equipment pupils bring into school each day.
- **Water Bottles:** For Y1-6, clean water bottles are to be brought to school each day
- **Breakfast and After-School Provision:** This provision will resume from the 8th March. Please contact the wrap around care team on wac@linthorpeprimary.co.uk as soon as possible to register your child or re-book a place.
- **Lunchtimes:** The usual arrangements for school lunchtimes are still in operation.

Many thanks in advance for your support, we look forward to seeing you all on Monday 8th March.

Mrs G Mitchell

Deputy Headteacher



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