



## **Limehurst Community Primary School**

### **Information for Parents and Carers for school opening in September 2020**

The main priority for Limehurst Community Primary School is to keep our staff and your children safe. Therefore, it is important that all families understand and follow some important points. The following protocols and information for parents and carers is directly related to the latest **DFE guidelines** (26.8.20) and Public Health advice. They **MUST** be followed by all families:

#### **Important points:**

- If anyone has a persistent cough/temperature/feels unwell or has a loss of smell or taste in your family, **your child/children should not be sent to school**. If children show symptoms they will be sent home immediately and they will need to self-isolate for 14 days, or until tested. Parents or families **MUST** to be available to collect children if this happens.
- You **MUST** inform school of your most up to date telephone number if you have changed details recently
- If a member of your child's group/bubble is tested positive for COVID-19 all 'close contacts' (defined by the DfE) will be sent home to self-isolate for 14 days. (page 20, DfE Guidance for full opening)
- School will need to stagger drop-off and collection times. Children will need to arrive and be collected at different times to help social distancing both inside and outside of school. This was communicated to parents/carers in July. Please be patient.
- **At drop-off and collection times- adult to adult contact needs to be minimal. You will need to remain at a safe distance (we still encourage 2 metres where possible) when collecting and dropping off children from school staff and from other parents. Please be respectful of others.**
- **Parents must not 'crowd' around gates, doors and exits. Again, please maintain a respectful distance.**
- Only 1 parent/carer should escort to school- 'older' pupils (Year 5 and 6) may walk to school on their own with parental permission.
- **Parents will not be allowed** in the school building (without an appointment/ prior agreement) at this stage of full opening. Nursery and Reception have circulated separate induction arrangements (July 2020).
- The Government has made it clear that they expect Councils/ Local Authorities to fine parents who keep their children at home if there is not a genuine health reason or illness. (page 25 DfE Guidance for full opening)
- School has been extensively cleaned over the summer holiday including anti-bacterial 'fogging'. The 'lunch' period has been extended to the dining hall may be thoroughly cleaned between 'bubble' sittings.

### **When your child is in school (based on the latest DfE Guidance):**

- DfE guidance states that ‘Primary school children will not need to wear a face covering.’ (page 11).
- Bubbles will be kept apart from other bubbles where possible and ‘older’ pupils will be encouraged to keep their distances within ‘groups’ (page 15). Seats and desks (again, age specific) will be arranged to help social distancing measures.
- For younger children or those with specific additional needs who may find distancing difficult, the emphasis will be on separating groups. For ‘older’ pupils, there will be a greater focus on maintaining social distancing.
- Each bubble/sub bubble of children will be kept apart from others. Where possible, they will not mix together or come in to contact with each other. Therefore, playtimes and lunchtimes will be staggered at different times for your child throughout the day.
- Pupils in groups will remain in their ‘home’ room/s. The amount of pupil movement around school has been significantly reduced.
- As a result of the above, school will not be conducting assemblies until after the autumn half term (at the earliest). Other curriculum subjects will also be modified.
- If there is a shortage of teachers available in school, a teaching assistant or supply teacher will lead the class/group. DfE guidance confirms these arrangements.
- In the autumn term teachers will focus on teaching learning ‘gaps’, particularly in Reading, Writing, Mathematics and Science.
- All pupils will wear school uniform (please see Uniform information & page 35 DfE Guidance for full opening)
- Expectations in behaviour will be unchanged. Outstanding Pupil behaviour will continue to be a school priority. If your child refuses to follow safety rules in school, they will be sent home following parent/care collection.

**We understand that this time may be worrying for you and your family.**

**We also understand that there may be some issues that arise at school following September return, and we may need to change approaches to follow Government or Public Health Guidance. Please be patient with us, this is a new way of life for all of us, and we are all learning as we go along.**

**Please rest assured that, as a school, we are doing everything we can to ensure the safety of your families and our staff. This goes further than what is written above but we may need to add extra measures as we progress.**

**We thank you in advance for your support and patience.**

**Sending best wishes at this time**

**From all-of-the team and Governors at Limehurst Community Primary School**

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