



Lydiard Millicent CE Primary School

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Keeping in Touch Letter

Friday 17th July

Dear Parents/Carers,

We know we have shared a huge amount of information via ParentMail since our first day of closure in March. Much of that has been unavoidable as we have a duty to keep parents informed but in this final letter of the academic year, we have included key points for parents and then signposted you to where you will find the supplementary details should you wish to have them.

We will write to parents again in September to confirm that our plans comply with the guidance as it stands at that time and to ensure that you know where to find the answers to any questions you might have. A back-to-school video will also be shared.

You should have received your drop off and pick up slots via ParentMail. These are assigned to your family and cannot be changed. Many schools are taking this approach to reduce the amount of contacts on site at any one time and to enable the school to open safely. It is important that you keep to these times. We will keep this under regular review.

On Thursday 3rd September, teaching staff for Years 1 - 6 will be leading a Zoom session with their new class. The link for this meeting was sent today and the timetabling of these meetings will allow for families with more than one child in school the opportunity to participate. Teachers for all year groups will also be making phone calls home to parents to find out about how your child has got on with their learning and what you feel they need or would benefit from at the start of the new academic year.

On Friday 4th September, there is the fantastic opportunity for a family show round of the school (from the outside) with a member of staff as a tour guide. The purpose of this visit is to enable anyone who is feeling a little anxious about the changes to walk the one way route for drop offs and pick-ups, look at their classroom from the patio doors and ask any questions they need to. Please book an appointment with the School Office to secure a slot.

We very much look forward to seeing Year 1 - Year 6 on **Monday 7th September** and EYFS on Tuesday 8th September.

Information about the following areas can be found on our school website on the 'September 2020' page:

- Dates & General Information
- September Timings for drop off and collection
- What does my child need to bring to school?
- What protective measures will be in place?
- FAQs
- Recovery Curriculum

SUMMER ACTIVITIES - Don't forget there are some summer-themed activities on our school website on the 'Remote Learning' page which are purely optional and designed to support what may not feel like a typical holiday.

SCHOOL ROOF - We are pleased to say that the work on the school roof is likely to start in August. This work will continue in September but will not impact on our opening plans. As always, there should not be any unauthorised access to the school grounds and children should not be playing on site in the holidays or at weekends.

LETTER FROM OUR CEO - Attached is the final letter from our CEO, Jez Piper. This was issued yesterday and saved to go out at the same time as our last Keeping in Touch Letter of the academic year.

GOODBYE VIDEO FROM STAFF - This can be found on the Remote Learning page of the website. Enjoy!

THANK YOU - We would like to extend our thanks and admiration to our staff team who have been adaptable and flexible and faced new challenges with a smile. We are always grateful for our team but that has been felt even more so this year.

We can see from talking to the children, talking to parents, seeing what is shared via Purple Mash or sent in via email that our children have had an incredible breadth of learning and experiences - thank you for everything you have done. We will all continue to work together to ensure the next phase of this journey is successful and as safe as possible. We hope that you and your families have a lovely Summer and a well-deserved rest.

With very best wishes,

Mrs C Luce & Mrs dos Santos

Principal Head of School