



Lydiard Millicent CE Primary School

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Welcome Back Letter

Wednesday 2nd September

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you are all as excited as we are about the full reopening of the school. Preparations are well underway this week with staff undergoing training for safeguarding and health and safety and carrying out many tasks around the site to ensure it meets the requirements of the guidance.

Class Zoom sessions are scheduled for Thursday and we have resent those links for you today as a reminder and teachers will also be making phone calls to parents on Thursday and Friday this week to find out about how your child is feeling about the return to school, anything you feel they may benefit from at the start of the new academic year and to answer any questions you may have.

On Friday, there is the 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.

Term starts for Year 1 - Year 6 on **Monday 7th September** and for EYFS on **Tuesday 8th September**. We are expecting all children to return and the usual rules on school attendance apply. Any absences should be reported to the School Office.

You will have been allocated a drop-off and pick up time. It is essential that you stick to these times and we will keep the system under review. Please ensure that any messages are sent to the office via email or telephone message. We are very much looking forward to seeing you all but we need to keep adult to adult contact to a minimum and ensure that we do all we can to reduce the amount of time families are waiting on site to drop off or pick up. Staff have made a back-to-school video which will be available on the school website page 'September 2020' later today. Please share this with your children so that they know what to expect.

Lunches - Children will be able to order a school packed lunch on the day from Monday. Please see the school website for the latest menu. Meals will continue to be free for EYFS, Year 1, Year 2 and FSM children, for everyone else a meal will cost £2.30 via ParentMail.

As part of transferring to the new company, you will have received two ParentMail forms before the summer break asking you about any dietary requirements. Please can you ensure you complete these as soon as possible so the information can be passed onto the kitchen.

Please disregard any emails you receive from Chartwells. We appreciate your patience as we make this transition to our new catering company.

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?
- Flowchart for parents
- Curriculum
- FAQs

The information sheets have been updated to reflect the latest guidance, please take the time to read them. Parents/Carers need to be ready and willing to engage with the NHS Test and Trace Process - please see the flowchart for parents for further details.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming everyone back and getting started. We hope you feel the same but if you do have any questions, please make sure that you contact the School Office or ask your child's teacher(s) when they phone you later this week. We will do all we can to ensure your child has a safe, happy and positive start to the year.

Best wishes,

Mrs C Luce & Mrs J dos Santos

Principal & Head of School