



Headteacher's newsletter #1

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The children have been amazing since they have returned to school. They have settled back into the school routine well and haven't lost their passion for learning. This has made all the risk assessments and changes we are constantly making worthwhile. I would also like to thank you for all the messages of support we have been getting. They really mean a lot.

Parents' evening

We will not be holding a face to face parents evening this term. We have completed a lot of research into this to see what other schools across the country are doing. We felt the safest option at the moment is to send home a written report. The reports will be out on 6 November. At the start of the spring term, we will review the current situation regarding COVID regulations and go from there.

PE kit

Coming to school 'PE ready' is proving to be successful. It allows the children a full hour of physical activity which is great. Just a reminder that our PE is a white t-shirt, plain black/navy bottoms and a plain navy/black hoodie/sweatshirt or one with the school logo on. We have had communication from Maisies that they are running low on some of the stock due to the high demand. This is why we have said plain kit is fine, so you can go and source it from other places. Please make sure you label all the clothing your child wears to school.

Parking

Although the staggered start and finish times have had a positive impact on the traffic outside of school, it has not stopped people parking in dangerous places or over people's driveways. Please be mindful of where you are parking and do not stop in the road outside the main gate to let your child out. This is extremely dangerous behaviour for the child and other traffic.

Congratulations!

I am pleased to announce that Miss Frost got married during the summer holidays. Although, the wedding was not what she had originally planned it still turned out to be the perfect day. Miss Frost will now be known as Mrs Frost.

Excellent attendance

We are starting to see attendance levels getting back to being in the 90's which is great. Every class gained an attendance percentage of over 90% in the week beginning 28 September 2020.

Absence due to illness

If your child is unable to attend school due to illness, please ring 01908 665971 Option 1 before 9am and leave a message stating your child's name, HB and the nature of their illness. You may prefer to do this on ParentMail or via the school website.

COVID-related illness

We have a dedicated email address set up for parents to report COVID-related enquiries. Please use this to report whether a member of your house is waiting for a test result to come back and/or forward results to us. **COVID@Loughton.school**

You still need to follow the usual procedure for reporting your child's absence.

Rebekah Green
Headteacher



Social distancing on site

The majority of people are sticking to the risk assessment when on site. There are however, a few people who are still not doing this. Please make sure you keep to the social distancing rules of 2m. This also includes the children. We have told the children in school they should not be holding hands, hugging each other or having any physical contact with each other. I would ask that you follow this as well please. We would also ask that you leave site promptly after collecting your child. Thank you in advance.

Weather – slippers

Now the weather is changing, the children will need to bring slippers into school to change into. If you need support with this please contact Mrs Green, who may be able to help.

Parent code of conduct

Since we have been back at school there have been a handful of parents who think it is acceptable to be verbally abusive towards other parents or members of staff. We do have a parent code of conduct that may be found on the school website. I will take the necessary action towards parents who do not follow this. My staff, other parents and the children have the right to feel safe on the school site.

MarvellousMe

Please make sure you are using the MarvellousMe app. We will be using this app to let you know when your child has been praised in school as we cannot communicate with you face to face.

School trips and visitors

We will not be going on any school trips at the moment. However, we have contacted some of the companies we have used previously to come into school and provide the children with an exciting learning experience. This has also kept the cost down.

Lunches

Our school meals are provided by Chartwells, and lunches can be ordered online at <https://www.parentpay.com/> You will be provided with a unique user login to enable you to do this. Meals must be ordered by midnight on a Tuesday for the following week.

Alternatively, if you wish your child to have a packed lunch, then we request that it is a healthy one. Sweets and fizzy drinks are not allowed in school packed lunches. Please save these for a treat after school when you collect your child. Packed lunches **must not include peanuts or peanut butter**, as we have children in school with severe nut allergies. We would ask parents to avoid other nut products in school where possible.

Our Whole School Policy on food is available on our website. Many thanks for supporting all of the children in our school family.

Bikes

As of next week, **year 5 and 6** can ride their bikes to school. The children **MUST** wear cycle helmets. They also need to obtain a Cycle Permit from the school office and have a padlock to secure their bike whilst at school. We need this week to ensure the bike shed is safe with regards to social distancing.

