

8 July 2020

### **Back to school – Wednesday 2 September 2020**

Dear Parents and Carers with pupils in Y1-6 (current YR-5),

With more information being shared with us about all children returning to school, I would like to assure you that we will be doing everything we can as a school to keep everyone safe as this happens. We are using government advice and the sound principles applied for our key worker children since March and with the other 3 year groups since June.

To ensure the safety of all pupils and some means of social distancing this means that in our classrooms we will seat children next to each other, facing the front of the classroom and in rows for the time being. We are allocating a midday supervisor and HLTA or similar support staff member to each year group team so they can work in bubbles to avoid cross contamination wherever possible. Children will work in class bubbles but will mix with children in their year group only for break, lunch and some assembly times. We will ask that children coming back to school in KS2 bring in their own equipment (1 small pencil case) and that this is named and stays in school, at each child's work place to avoid contamination. We will provide equipment for KS1 pupils. PE bags and coats will be kept on each child's peg in cloakrooms or in the classroom. Children should wear correct school uniform from September.

#### Lunchtimes

Children will stay in their rooms to eat their packed lunch with a short, separate playtime. We are only able to offer packed lunches at this time, not hot meals.

#### Staggered start and end times

We need to continue to have staggered start and finish times at allocated gates to enter and leave the school each day. Please see below for your child's class times and consider how best to use the 10 min slot if you have more than one child with the same time slot but entering from a different gate. The only parents allowed on site are Year R and KS1 pupils, only 1 adult per child please. Please note you are not able to walk through the school site to pick up / drop off children in other year groups. You will need to wait on the painted spots to keep a distance from one another if your child is in KS1 or Y6. Y3 and 5 pupils will enter via the main gate and lower cloakroom and Y6 pupils will wait for their teacher on painted spots to enter the building. Y4 pupils will enter their classrooms from their class external doors. Unlike now, we will not test temperatures on entry to school but do ask that you keep your child off school if they display any symptoms and have your child tested for COVID. Of course, you should let us know if this is the case, as you would for any absence.

	Lancet Lane gate – Brook Playground / YR playground *	Start / Finish for KS2 chn	Main gate	Y4/6 gate
8.30 am / 2.40pm	Sapphire Tanzanite*	8.30-3.00pm	Coral Topaz	Zultanite Ruby
8.40am / 2.50pm	Diamond* Turquoise	8.40-3.10pm	Amber Amethyst	Quartz Onyx
8.50am / 3.00pm	Moonstone* Aquamarine	8.50-3.20pm	Jade Sunstone	Peridot Emerald

#### Clubs

From the survey numbers we are hoping to be able to offer our after school club each day if enough parents book the service. This will run differently to usual arrangements as we will have possibly 7 year group bubble groups in classrooms, to keep children apart in different year groups. Please note we are probably not able to offer breakfast, homework or any other clubs in term 1. A separate letter will follow regarding any extended service that we can offer.

#### Music lessons

These will recommence later in September. If you have music lessons you will receive more information from music teachers soon.

#### Swimming

We are not able to open the pool for lessons at the moment but will keep this under close review.

#### Cleaning and PPE

A thorough clean will happen each evening and a deeper clean on a Friday each week. Staff (and pupils if parents wish to although this has not been recommended by government) will be able to wear masks and other PPE if they wish to and handwashing will be encouraged frequently by staff and pupils alike.

#### Safety information

Please click here for our latest risk assessments and documents <https://www.loose-primary.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=Safeguarding&pid=91> If we have a confirmed case of COVID-19, the whole year group bubble may need to isolate for 14 days and will not be allowed to come to school. In this case, we would again offer home learning online. Please read our parent protocols below to ensure the safety of all at Loose. Click here for the latest government guidance for parents.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

We are missing you all so much. We hope that you and your loved ones are safe and well and we cannot wait to see you all again in September. We know that some arrangements we have put in place are not ideal for working parents, but are sure you understand that we need to keep safety as the main priority alongside ensuring all children can return to school and be taught by their class teaching staff. If you have any questions or would like to speak to one of us, please get in touch. Please be assured we will review all procedures when we receive any updated government guidance and termly as things may change and of course will keep you informed of any changes.

Have a wonderful summer holiday when it gets here!

Mrs Holman and all of the Loose Primary School staff

To ensure the health and safety of all our children and staff we ask you to follow the following protocols:

#### PARENT PROTOCOLS

- 1) Please check your child's temperature every morning; if above 37.5 degrees centigrade do not send them in and ring the school to inform us. If your child has a cough or loss of smell or taste please do not send into school and ring school office. If your child displays any of these symptoms in school we will call and ask you to collect them and have a test.
- 2) If your child is absent for any reason, please inform the office as you would normally before 9am.
- 3) Please ensure your child washes their hands before leaving the house with soap and water.
- 4) Please talk to your child about social distancing and the importance of hand washing.
- 5) On arrival at school please only drop-off at your designated year group's area.
- 6) Only one parent / carer to drop off / pick up children. Adult contact to be minimal. Staff are available to discuss queries or concerns over the telephone or email via the Brook or Orchard office emails.
- 7) Please social distance with all other parents at the gates or on Brook playground for Y1 + 2 children. This is important for your health and safety and it models social distancing to your children.
- 8) If your child is bringing in their own packed lunch please have a chat to your child about not sharing their food, for example crisps. Ideally this will be brought in a disposable bag but if not, when the box / bag returns each night please clean all contents and the box / bag thoroughly.
- 9) At pick up please only go to your given zones and model social distancing at all times.
- 10) There will be signs in and around school encouraging social distancing – if you see these please follow them and use them to educate your children. Only KS1 parents will be allowed on site to their designated zone to drop off and collect.