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Dear Parent / Carer,

We are finally at the end of an exhausting but rewarding year.

We are both immensely proud of our children, particularly our year 6 pupils (and parents / carers) who we sadly say goodbye to. They have been a wonderful year group and we shall miss them all. We wish them the very best at their high schools and know they will continue to build on all the experiences that they have gained whilst attending LPS.

We are pleased to welcome new staff in the Autumn term Mr I Summers (in Year 5), Mr S Peet (teaching our nurture group) and Miss E Hollis (in Year 3.) We also will be welcoming back Mrs H Hough (KS1 SENCO) Mrs K Pugh (Teaching Assistant) and Mrs N Dean (Lunchtime Supervisor).

Sadly, we are saying goodbye to Mrs T Ladapo, Mrs J McLaughlin, Mrs N Philips and Miss O Thompson. We wish them lots of luck and best wishes for the future and thank them for all their hard work this year.

We have many exciting things planned for the Autumn term including introducing our after-school club provision which you should have already received information about. We will also be running after school clubs but will send out more information about these clubs in the Autumn term. Mr Peet will be ensuring that every class this autumn will receive 2 afternoons experiencing Forest schools which we know the children will love! More information about this will follow in the autumn term.

Obviously, we don't know what the Autumn term holds but we hope we will be able to open the school up and invite you into school for parental engagement, when guidance allows.

As a school up until today we have been extremely lucky and whilst we know other schools have had to close many whole year groups and indeed some schools due to COVID outbreaks we have managed to keep all year groups running this last half term. So, thank you as you have played a huge part in this and followed all the guidelines that as a school we have followed. Unfortunately, today there was a positive lateral flow case in our Year 3 community and therefore we had to close Year 3, which shows that we will be dealing with this virus for many months to come.

We are however planning to open the school back up as normal and go back to 'normal' opening times. It has taken us a while to remember what these were!

Start times:

- George Street entrance will open at 8.35. Hereford road pedestrian gate will be open from 7.40 for break fast club pupils.
- Breakfast club will run from 7.45 – 8.45 (this needs to be booked in advanced.)
- Nursery- starts at 9 am. Doors open from 8.50
- Reception, years 1 and 2 start at 8.50, classroom doors will open at 8.40.
- Key stage 2 starts at 8.50, but gates open at 8.35.

Finish times:

- Nursery – 3pm
- Reception, years 1, 2 and 3 – 3.15pm
- Years 4, 5 and 6 – 3.20pm



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All pupils will be required to wear school uniform from September. Can we remind you that this is; Purple jumper, white or purple polo shirt both with or without logo, grey trousers or shorts, grey skirt or grey pinafore. During the hot weather a purple/ white gingham checked dress is permitted. Please ensure all uniform is clearly named. All uniform can be purchased from Club Sport.

From Year 2 upwards pupils will be able to come into school, on their PE day, in their PE school uniform. Teachers will inform you of your child's PE day when they return in September as sessions will start in the second week. We are asking that reception and Year 1 pupils bring PE kit into school in a named bag as changing is part of their curriculum. Can we remind you that this must be the school PE uniform of;

Black shorts, leggings or joggers, purple polo top with or without logo, black / black jumper or purple hoodie from Club sport.) Also, long hair should be tied back on PE days and only studs should be worn which should be removed or covered for PE.

We are asking for pupils to only bring in necessary belongings (e.g. coat, lunch box, glasses) Although bubbles are no longer necessary, whilst we adapt to new guidelines we are keeping to phases. This makes life easier and more manageable for us with such a large school. This means that pupils will be in 2-year groups (reception and nursery, Years 1 and 2, Years 3 and 4, Years 5 and 6) for assemblies, play and lunchtimes.

Obviously, we are aware that this is still not over and we will still be continuing with government advice and guidelines so some things are here to stay for a little while longer. If cases in our local community rise we have been told that we may need to go back to staggered starts but we hope this can be avoided by parents and carers adhering to measures we are putting in place. Please see Government guidance below;

From 16 August 2021, children under the age of 18 years old will no longer be required to self-isolate if they are contacted by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case. Instead, children will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test. We would encourage all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so. Settings will continue to have a role in working with health protection teams in the case of a local outbreak. If there is an outbreak in a setting or if central government offers the area an enhanced response package, a director of public health might advise a setting to temporarily reintroduce some control measures.

Ventilation, cleaning routines and hygiene will remain a key part to our school day for the Autumn term. However, when moving into the colder weather we will be ensuring conditions remain comfortable for pupils and staff and therefore may be closing outside doors but keeping windows open.

We would like to wish everyone a restful, well deserved Summer break and we look forward to working with you and welcoming pupils back on Monday September 6th.

Please be aware there is a second attachment that will be sent to you regarding drop off and collection procedures in the new term. We will also be producing a video on face book to help parents and pupils with our new arrangements.

Kind regards,

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