



Lavant

C.E. Primary School

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Dear parents and carers,

Please find below our routines and procedures for full school re-opening on Monday March 8th, ensuring we meet government guidelines and remain COVID-19 safe.

Class Bubbles

Although open for all children, each class will continue to operate as a separate bubble and will have minimal contact with each other. Some staff will need to move between bubbles at key times in the week, but this will be kept to a minimum. Whole school gatherings, such as assemblies and lunchtimes are not permitted at this time.

School Day

We will continue to operate two entrance and exit gates to reduce congestion at the start and end of the school day. Unfortunately, as the field gate is accessed via the turning circle, vehicle access cannot be permitted and we will not be able to run our usual drop off service. Parent access onto the school grounds will be very limited and we ask that you do not stay after drop off or pick up to socialise at the front of the school, and continue to wear face masks until further notice.

Arrival for years 1 – 6 – Between 8:45 – 8:55am

Main Gate: Woodpeckers & Pheasants

Field Gate: Robins

Children in Wren Class are to arrive at 9am and enter the school grounds via the Field Gate. Parents may enter the school grounds and drop their children off at the gate to Wren Class' outdoor learning area where staff will be waiting to greet you.

Staggered Play Times

Playtimes and lunch times will continue to be staggered and the field will be divided into two separate play areas to keep each class separate.

Morning break

10:30am: Pheasants & Robins

10:45am: Woodpeckers and Wrens

Staggered Lunch Times

We will have two sittings for lunch at 12noon and 12:30pm. Wren and Robin class will eat their lunch in the school hall but tables and chairs will be cleaned in

between sittings. Children in Woodpecker and Pheasant Classes will eat their lunch / hot dinner in their classrooms or outside when the weather allows.

12noon

Woodpeckers and Wrens – Eating lunch

Pheasants and Robins – Play time

12:30pm

Woodpeckers and Wrens – Play time

Pheasants and Robins – Eating lunch

If your child is in KS2 and has hot dinners, don't forget to put your order in to Chartwells by this Sunday 28th February.

Pick up times

To reduce congestion at the end of the school day we will be running a staggered pick up.

3:05: Main Gate: Woodpeckers

Field Gate: Robins

3:15: Main Gate: Pheasants

Field Gate: Wrens

Parents of children in Robin and Wren classes may enter the school grounds and wait on the school field to collect their children.

Parents of children in Woodpeckers and Pheasants must wait on the tarmac at the front of the school and your children will be brought out to you.

Please note: there will also be no access for vehicles on the turning circle at the end of the day.

School Clubs, Breakfast club and educational visits

Sadly, we will not be able to offer breakfast clubs, or extra-curricular provision at this time, due to requirements to avoid mixing bubbles, other than our Wednesday Multi-sports club which will start with members of Robin Class (confirmation will be sent to families of those children already signed up to this term's club). This provision will be reviewed at the end of this half term, and we will update you as and when we are able to offer our usual range of clubs.

School Uniform and Equipment

All children are expected to be back in full school uniform as usual, including school shoes. The amount of items moving between home and school needs to be kept to a minimum so please see our expectations below. Please note, these may change as the term progresses.

No rucksacks – With limited access to the cloakrooms we are asking children not to bring in school rucksacks for the time being. If a bag is needed to carry lunchboxes, etc. we ask that items be placed in a carrier bag that can be folded and stored in each child's personal tray.

No Pencil cases - All children will be provided with pens and pencils and do not need to bring in any additional stationery from home until guidelines are relaxed.

No PE kits stored in school – We are asking all children to come to school on a Wednesday wearing their full PE kit for the day (including trainers), but it will not be needed in school on any other day.

Trainers for children in KS2 – Children in Woodpecker and Pheasant Classes are encouraged to bring in a pair of trainers that can be kept in school to change into for daily fitness and additional sports sessions.

Book bags – We continue to encourage children to bring in a book bag that can be stored in their tray. These are useful to safely transport books and notes etc.

Coats – Children are expected to bring in a warm waterproof coat as and when required.

Learning Opportunities

Our first Learning Journey when everyone returns to school will be called “Connect” and will be a Whole School Learning Journey designed to make the transition back to whole school learning as positive for all children as possible. Each class will use a range of high quality texts to inspire children’s thinking about the importance of friendships, working collaboratively and good mental wellbeing as well as re-establishing core school expectations to help children settle back into the school routine happily and quickly.

This term would also historically be when we would offer children our amazing GLO (Golden Learning opportunities) afternoons. As we will not be able to do the same this year, we are planning a slightly different take on GLO with our *GLO Life Skills sessions*. These will occur on Friday afternoons – links will be provided on the website for those who would like to participate at home for the next two Fridays. In these sessions, children will have the opportunity to learn some everyday life skills to prepare them for the future (and hopefully enable them to help out around the house more too) from washing up and making the bed, through laying the table for dinner or creating the perfect sandwich.

We hope the information above answers any questions you may have about how things will work as of 8th March, but do drop us a line if you have any further questions. As ever, please continue to maintain social distancing guidelines in order to keep our community as safe as possible. Thank you again for all of your support during these unique and challenging times.

Kindest regards,



Daniel Taylor
Deputy Head teacher