



# Lavant

## C.E. Primary School

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Dear Parents,

It was fantastic to welcome back everyone on Monday and to have the school full of children excitedly learning together again. This has been a wonderful opportunity to enable all our pupils to see their friends again and hopefully alleviate any fears that they may have had about returning to school.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

We are delighted that all pupils will be returning to school in September but, as I am sure you are expecting, there are a number of changes to the school day that are required to ensure we meet government guidelines and remain COVID-19 safe.

Although open for all children, each class will 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 and high levels of hygiene will be maintained at all times.

## School Day

We will continue to operate two entrance and exit gates to minimise 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. We are also unable to allow parents onto the school grounds and ask that parents Do not stay after drop off or pick up, to socialise at the front of the school.

### 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 school via the Field Gate.**

### Staggered Play times

10:30: Pheasants & Robins

10:45: Woodpeckers and Wrens

### Staggered Lunch Times

12am: Woodpeckers and Wrens – Lunch

Pheasants and Robins – Play

12:30: Woodpeckers and Wrens – Play

Pheasants and Robins – Lunch

**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

**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 our usual breakfast club, or extra-curricular provision at the start of the new academic year, and current guidelines state that school visits will continue to be prohibited for the autumn term. This provision will be reviewed at the end of the first half term, in line with government guidelines, and we will update you as and when we are able to offer our usual range of clubs.

We understand that the new school year will continue to be an unsettling time for many, and would like to reassure you that your children's emotional wellbeing will be at the forefront of all we do, whilst also ensuring we are continuing to offer the highest standards of learning.

### **Term Dates 2020 – 21**

In September, the children return to school on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September**; please note that Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> & Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September are staff training days.

Term dates for the rest of the academic year.

### **Autumn term 2020**

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December  
Half term: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October

### **Spring term 2021**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January – Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April  
Half term: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February

### **Summer term 2021**

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July  
Half term: Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June

### **INSET DAYS 2020 – 21**

**Please note the school will be closed to children on the following dates:**

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2020  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021

As we come to the end of the strangest school year we have ever known, it is more important than ever that we thank everyone who has gone 'above and beyond' in ensuring that we continue to offer the best care and provision for our school community.

As we say a fond farewell to our current Year 6 children on Friday, we thank them for being a fabulous cohort throughout their time at our school, and we wish them nothing but the very best for their future.


Thank you to all our staff, parents, governors and Friends for your continued support of our school, and for your constant enthusiasm and dedication towards ensuring Lavant C.E. Primary School continues to grow from strength to strength.

At Lavant, we continue to live out our school motto.

**Working together in faith - always 'Aiming for the best'**

I do wish you all a very happy and relaxing summer and hope that the sun continues to shine for the next few weeks.

Best Wishes



Adrian King