



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 7th September**; please note that Thursday 3rd & Friday 4th September are staff training days.

Term dates for the rest of the academic year.

Autumn term 2020

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

Spring term 2021

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

Summer term 2021

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

INSET DAYS 2020 – 21

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

Thursday 3rd September 2020
Friday 4th September 2020
Friday 23rd October 2020
Monday 22nd February 2021
Friday 23rd 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