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Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back! We are all very pleased to be back in school for the new academic year.

As a reminder I'm sending out again the plan for this term. Please note our school day now starts at **9.00am** and finishes at **3.20pm**.



DPPS Plan for Opening: September 2021

		Start time	Break time	Lunch time	End time
Phase 1 and 2	EYFS	9:00am Enter via the Nursery Gate	N/A	11:45am – 12:30pm Play on the Back Field	3:20pm Exit via the Nursery Gate
	Year 1	9:00am Enter via the EYFS Gate	10:30am- 10:45am KS1 Playground	12pm- 12:45pm Play in Infant Playground	3:20pm Exit via the EYFS Gate
	Year 2				
Phase 3	Year 3	9:00am Enter via the Main Gate	10:15am- 10:35am KS2 Playground	12:00pm- 12:45pm Play in KS2 Playground	3:20pm Exit via the Main Gate
	Year 4				
Phase 4	Year 5	9:00am Enter via the Football Cage Gate	10:40am- 11am KS2 Playground	12:45pm- 1:30pm Play in KS2 Playground	3:20pm Exit via the Football Cage Gate
	Year 6				

We ask parents to collect and drop off swiftly to avoid congestion. Please be patient as school staff are trying to ensure everyone gets in and out of school quickly and safely. Children will be dismissed class by class and staff will need to ensure each child is collected by the appropriate adult. Please allow for the fact that this will take a few minutes to complete, and I'm sure you will be supportive of the staff team. Please remember children can only be collected by an adult.

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 Deputy Head: Leona Baffour



Keeping our school safe

You will know that during recent weeks most COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted across the country and the vaccination programme has been rolled out. In schools this means that 'bubbles', social distancing and face coverings are no longer a requirement. (Face coverings are still a requirement on London transport.)

We will of course still be taking actions to keep children and adults safe in school - making sure that everyone washes their hands regularly, enhanced cleaning and good ventilation, for example. There are some arrangements which will still be in place to add extra protection as these have worked well and do not disrupt the school day:

- separate gates for children coming in and out of school
- staggered break times and lunchtimes
- separate staircases, routes and play areas
- limiting the number of visitors on site
- limiting the items that children can bring in from home

Anyone aged 18 or under will no longer need to self-isolate if they are identified as a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 but will need to get a PCR test. From the 19th July, the process of contact tracing COVID-19 cases in schools moved to NHS Test and Trace. This means we will not be informing you directly about cases in the school or if you are a close contact. You will be contacted directly by NHS Test and Trace.

You must still self-isolate if:

- you have tested positive for COVID-19 (even if you've been vaccinated)
- you have symptoms of COVID-19, while you wait for the results of a PCR test
- or you are told by NHS Test and Trace that you've been in contact with a person with COVID-19 and you're not fully vaccinated (18 years or over).

Children and young people are at very low risk of becoming seriously ill from COVID-19. The majority of school staff and teachers have already had the vaccination. By September, all staff and teachers will have been offered the COVID-19 vaccination and by October half term, all will have had the opportunity to be fully vaccinated.

The virus remains a risk to many people in Lewisham. If your child has COVID-19 symptoms (a high temperature; a new, continuous cough or loss/change to smell or taste), you must keep them off school and let us know. It is really important that they stay at home (self-isolate) and get a test. If the test is positive, they must stay at home for the full ten days. Even if they're feeling better, they will be at risk of spreading the virus to the more vulnerable in our community. Please let us know if your child tests positive for COVID-19.

Sincerely,



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