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**RE: Preparing for the re-opening of school, Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

Dear Parents / Carers,

Following on from the Prime Minister's announcement to open schools to all pupils I would like to share with you the plans that we have in place to ensure this is as safe as possible. Please read the information carefully as there have been some alteration to times and routes of entry and exit.

**Nursery**

Drop off and pick up times will continue to be extended to reduce the numbers in and around the cloakroom

Morning sessions

- Drop off extended to 09:15 (08:45 - 09:15)
- Pick up 11:15 (11:15 – 11:45)

Afternoon sessions

- Drop off extended to 13:00 (12:30 – 13:00)
- Pick up from 15:00 (15:00-15:30)

Parents / carers will enter through the normal doors, drop off the children and then leave through the outdoor area.

**Main school**

Having listened to parent feedback and reviewed the processes we have made some changes to times and locations for entry and exit from school to improve social distancing and movement through the school site. Therefore, please carefully check the table below;

Year group	Entrance to site	Start Time	Exit	End Time
Reception	Pedestrian gate Please wait along Elmfield Gardens	08:45	Hall doors – parents to wait in small yard	15:00
1	Pedestrian gate Please wait along Elmfield Gardens	08:45	White doors – parents to wait in small yard	15:10
2	Vehicle gate Please wait along Canberra Avenue	08:55	Year 2 doors - parents to wait in small yard	15:30
3	Vehicle gate Please wait along Canberra Avenue	08:45	KS 2 doors – Parents to wait in big yard	15:15
4	Vehicle gate Please wait along Canberra Avenue	08:55	KS 2 doors – parents to wait in big yard	15:30

Please note this has been planned to ensure the safety of everyone when attending site. Consideration has been given to the current guidance and ensuring each year group has appropriate teaching time and opportunity.



### Key

- 1 – pedestrian gate
- 2 – vehicle gate
- 3 – hall doors
- 4 – white doors (normal year 1 entrance / exit)
- 5 – Year 2 doors
- 6 - KS 2 doors

As with arrangements prior to the most recent lockdown, please do not arrive at the school until it is your child's allotted time. At pick up time, parents and carers will be called in to the yard to try and alleviate congestion. If you have more than one sibling, please come for the time of the earliest child's exit. The one-way system is still in place for leaving the site.

All adults dropping off or collecting children are asked to wear masks at all times and only 1 adult to accompany the child(ren).

From Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February Canberra Avenue and Elmfield Gardens are closed to most traffic from 08:15 – 09:00 to allow a safer route to the school entrance. Therefore, parents and pupils will have more space to be able to wait for the school to open.

### Wraparound

From Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March wraparound will be available for breakfast and after school club. If you require places please contact the team on 0191 2533452 or 07723511494

### Attendance

It is expected that **all** children attend school from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March unless they are shielding or are isolating in line with Government guidance.

If your child is ill then the normal guidance applies, any child with sickness or diarrhoea must not return to school until 48 hours following the last episode.

### What will my child be doing when they are in school?

All children have had some disruption to their education and we will be spending a lot of time over the final 3 weeks of the Spring term reviewing and assessing where the children are and what gaps if any, we need to address. We will also be using our Covid catch up funding to support children in small groups or 1:1 sessions. These may run on for a number of weeks or be for a short period of time.

We will be focusing our support around reading initially and also emotional health and wellbeing. With this we are working in partnership with My School Health and bringing in a trained school nurse to support with groups and intervention across the school.

### **What if my child has to isolate?**

For those children that have to isolate due to either being in contact with a positive case or testing positive then we will provide remote learning. If your child is off due to illness then we will not provide remote learning.

### **Communication with staff**

As a result of the entrance measures, parents will not be able to speak to class teachers. If there is something that you need to urgently pass on to a member of staff please email the school ([office@langleyfirst.org.uk](mailto:office@langleyfirst.org.uk)) and this can then be passed on.

### **School Uniform**

Parents are asked to make their best endeavours to have the children in the correct school uniform but appreciate that things may no longer fit and replacing is difficult with the current restrictions in place. If your child is wearing something other than their uniform, please make sure it is suitable to school e.g. footwear needs to be fastened and robust.

### **Children to continue to attend in their PE kits on the days they have PE**

### **Handwashing**

We have all become accustomed now to handwashing on a regular basis. Throughout the day the children will be encouraged to do a mixture of handwashing and use antibacterial hand gel. As previously, if you wish your child to bring in moisturising cream for their hands this will need to be in a named, original container. The children will keep this in the classroom either on their desk or an easily accessible place.

### **Parents' Evening**

We are currently making plans to parents' evening which will be during the final week of this term. Information concerning this will be forwarded in the coming days

Again, thank you in advance for your co-operation and support at this unprecedented time. We are all excited to be able to welcome back all the children and hope that with these measures in place, we can have a calm and 'normal' run in to the summer term.

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