



St. Lawrence CE Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Friday 11th September 2020

We have come to the end of our first full week of school and I am sure you will have had some exhausted children at the end of the school day as they readjust to the rules, routines and school expectations after such a prolonged absence from school. We have all been very impressed with all our pupils and how well they are coping with the new routines and additional hand washing procedures. Our new starters have completed half days this week but from next week will be in full time, please can I remind parents that the timings for this are 8.45-2.45am daily.

Here at St. Lawrence we are keen to ensure that the return to school is as normal as possible and that our Newsletters reflect the wonderful work undertaken in school and keep you informed. Sadly, as we are in a period of transition we can't escape the fact that we just need to mention our covid arrangements and how we can all work together to make the site covid-secure and keep everyone associated with school as safe as possible.

We do hope that our change in staggered arrangements this week has helped those parents with siblings. We have noticed that there has been less congestion and this has resulted in reduced waiting times which is just marvellous and everyone seems a lot happier this week. I would just like to remind you that siblings must arrive at the earlier start time and not at the later start as we need staff in classes and we need to be ready for a prompt start with our slightly reduced day.

Another helpful reminder

Class 1 Reception/Year 1	Drop off: 8.45 - 8.55am Collect: 2.45pm	Plus any siblings from Class 2 and/or 3
Class 2 Y2/Y3	Drop off: 8.55 - 9.05am Collect: 2.55pm	Plus any siblings in Class 3
Class 3 Y4/5/6	Drop off: 9.05-9.10am Collect: 3.05pm	

There was a little confusion this week with the window of time available for Class 3 to arrive so I apologise for this and a member of staff will be on the gate for the time slot above from next week. As some Class 3 pupils will be arriving earlier with the siblings Mrs Standish and Mr Warpole have asked to shorten the arrival time so that lessons can start promptly at 9.15am, please can the latest drop off time be at 9.10am. With thank you in advance for your patience with our new arrangements.



Covid-19 Symptoms

As you would probably expect with the return to school and this time of year, there are germs which in turn cause coughs and sneezes. Our approach to this is to be extra vigilant, and we ask you to be over cautious with this as well, please don't send children in to school if they are feeling unwell.

As we are all aware Coronavirus symptoms are:- High temperature, a new continuous cough, a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste.

Please check for these symptoms and if you or anyone in your household develops these symptoms please get tested and don't let children return to school until a negative test has been confirmed. Please inform the school office if you are undergoing testing so that relevant steps can be taken, All information received will be handled confidentially and sensitively.

If your child is in school and they develop any symptoms linked to Coronavirus with the most likely symptom to be a high temperature, we will use a non-contact thermometer to ascertain their current temperature and notify parents that this is what has been carried out. A temperature over 37.8c will involve a child being isolated and parents asked to collect immediately. Please be assured that we will deal with this sensitively and your child will be well looked after by a member of staff while we await your arrival.



Masks and Face Coverings

When entering the school building via the school office please can you ensure that you wear a mask or face covering. We do have members of staff who are clinically vulnerable or live with a clinically vulnerable person so we do need to maintain the government steps of hands, face and space to ensure the safety of all. As we sent out in our initial return to school letter wherever possible telephone the school office if you have a concern or query rather than coming in to the school building.



Nut Free School

With the increased numbers of children bringing in a packed lunch from home we just need to remind parents not to pack children with any nut based products as we have children in school who do have nut allergies. This does include peanut butter on sandwiches and cakes and biscuits that include nuts.



Homework

Teachers will be sending homework out on Fridays to be completed by the following Wednesday. This will start next **Friday 18th September** and be uploaded via SeeSaw. Children will be sent home with a homework book that will need to be kept at home. Children can record their homework in the book and it can be photographed as evidence and uploaded on the SeeSaw platform by Wednesday. All children should now have a new log-in for See-Saw, please use the new log-in as we will be archiving the work completed during our school closure. If you have any difficulties logging in can you contact the school office and we will be able to sort this out for you.



Communication

As a parent myself, I understand that it is quite difficult at the moment to communicate and discuss things with your child's class teacher as drop off and pick up times are very different. We understand that there may be occasions when you need to speak to a member of staff and it really can't wait so please can I direct to you the school office, either by telephone or email. The office will then direct it to the appropriate member of staff where it will be dealt with swiftly.

We will be continuing to use SeeSaw for homework and some class communication that is relevant and specific to each class. Please can I remind parents that this platform should not be used as communication to discuss children's progress, SEND concerns or whole school issues or attendance. We need to direct you to the school office to make an appointment should you wish to talk to your child's class teacher should you have any queries and concerns. We will be offering telephone conversations around half term to discuss how your child has settled in and the progress over the half term.



PE and Forest School Sessions

Please see the table below to show the sessions in the week when your child will be taking part in either PE or Forest School sessions. On the days outlined please can your child come in to school dressed in their PE kit. For Forest School we are asking that children have jogging bottoms rather than shorts and bring in a named bag waterproof trousers and wellington boots. As the Autumn days get cooler they may need a woolly hat and gloves as well.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
CLASS 3	CLASS 3	CLASS 1	Class 1	CLASS 2
PE	Forest School	Forest School	PE	Forest School
		CLASS 2		Class 3
		PE		PE

Please note that there is a change to Class 2 PE session on a Thursday.

Thank you all for your continued support as we adapting and changing to meet government guidelines and trying hard to keep everyone in our school community safe.

Have an enjoyable, restful weekend.

Mrs Alison Moore



WASH HANDS COVER FACE MAKE SPACE



A new public information campaign has been launched ahead of winter to highlight how everyone can help to stop the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19).

The Prime Minister has launched the [‘Hands, Face, Space’ campaign](#) urging the public to continue to wash their hands, cover their face and make space to control infection rates and avoid a second peak.

Educational settings will only ask children or staff to self-isolate and recommend they get a test if they develop symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19). Those sent home to self-isolate, having been in close contact with someone who has tested positive, should only get tested if they develop symptoms themselves. The symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are a high temperature, a new, continuous cough, or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste. The capacity of the NHS Test and Trace system must be protected for those with symptoms of the virus. Booking is essential for drive in and walk in test sites, and under 18s must be accompanied by a parent or guardian



FRIENDS OF ST LAWRENCE AGM

The Friends of St. Lawrence AGM is due to take place on Wednesday 16th September at 6.30pm as arranged at the last AGM.

The Friends have set up a Zoom meeting, details below

As you know all members of the current committee stand down at the AGM and a new committee is elected. If a new committee fails to be elected a vote will be taken to disband The Friends.

The Friends of St. Lawrence AGM Wednesday 16th September 2020 at 6.30pm via Zoom

To join the Zoom meeting :

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77988487217?pwd=RU8vVlVTVk56Mmp0dWlZMUdmc2dCdz09>

Meeting ID: 779 8848 7217

Passcode: 8Qt1T7

The Friends of St. Lawrence (PTA) Committee.

