

10th September 2020



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the new school year. A particularly warm welcome is extended to our new children and their families. We trust that their association with the school will be a successful and happy one.

At Limington House School we will provide a positive and supportive learning environment which enables each pupil to develop the skills and confidence to achieve their full potential.

We will achieve this by:

- Leading high standards in learning, achievement and behaviour for all.
- Providing an engaging and relevant curriculum that supports the individual needs of all pupils.
- Recognising that all pupils learn, achieve and succeed in different ways.
- Enabling all pupils to communicate effectively.
- Respecting individual views on religious and cultural issues as all pupils develop into responsible citizens.
- Promoting effective working partnerships with parents and carers in all aspects of their child's learning.
- Developing all pupils to be as independent as possible and to live safe, healthy and fulfilling lives.

It has been a very positive start to the year with all pupils looking very smart in their school uniform and settling well into class routines. Thank you for all your support with this as we continue to follow all Government COVID-19 guidance with control measures to reduce the risk to the lowest reasonably practicable level.

### **School 'Bubbles'**

There are the following 'bubbles' in school:

Rainbow

White

Purple

Blue/Pink/Green

Red/Orange

FE/Yellow

The movement of pupils around the school site is being kept to a minimum throughout the school day. Pupils will not be going off-site until further notice.

### **Arrival/Departure of Pupils at the Start/End of the School Day**

Thank you for your support with the staggered transition from and to transport at the start and end of the school day.

The order of 'bubbles' at the start of the day is as follows:

Rainbow (9.00am)

White (9.00am)

Purple (9.05am approx)

Blue/Pink/Green (9.10am approx)

Red/Orange (9.15 am approx)

FE/Yellow (9.20am approx)

The order of 'bubbles' at the end of the school day is as follows:

Rainbow (3.00pm)

Purple (3.00pm)

FE/Yellow (3.05pm approx)

Red/Orange (3.10pm approx)

Blue/Pink/Green (3.15pm approx)

White (3.20pm approx)

Please keep your social distancing whilst waiting on the footpath outside school. Please can only one parent enter the school site where possible. Parents bringing their child to school and collecting from school will transition on the path by the canopy with social distancing in place.

### **Playtime and Lunchtime Arrangements**

Playtime is staggered with defined areas to play for 'bubbles'. Lunch is class based and parents where possible, will need to provide a packed lunch for their child each day. Those children who are entitled to free school meals or universal free school meals (Years R, 1 and 2) will be provided with a packed lunch each day.

## **General Hygiene**

Pupils are supported to clean their hands regularly throughout the school day, including when they arrive at school, when they return from play, before and after eating and after using the toilet. All learning resources are cleaned after a 'bubble' has finished using the resources. Frequently touched surfaces are cleaned more often than normal.

We are doing everything possible to minimise contacts between individuals and maintaining social distancing wherever possible. It is important to recognise that maintaining social distancing is not always possible, particularly when staff need to provide care support for pupils. It is also important to recognise that many of our pupils cannot socially distance from staff or each other.

## **Parents' Evening**

The parents' evening which was due to take place on Wednesday 23rd September will now be via a phone call appointment system. A letter with more information will be sent home in the near future.

## **INSET Days**

The school will be closed to pupils for staff training. Please make sure these dates are in your diaries.

Friday 25th September 2020

Monday 22nd February 2021

Monday 7th June 2021

## **Attendance**

If your child is unwell and unable to come to school, please notify the school directly in the morning of the first day of absence to give details. It is also very helpful if you could keep us informed during the time they are absent, so that we can complete our register accurately and in accordance with Hampshire County Council guidelines. As well as informing us that your child is not attending school, please do not forget to contact school transport or your escort, so that they do not make an unnecessary journey. We do understand that for many of our children bouts of illness and sometimes hospital stays are unfortunately frequent and sometimes unavoidable. Thank you for your help in our efforts to maximise children's attendance and enable each child to benefit as much as possible from their placement at Limington House.

## **School Meals**

As from the start of the new school year, the cost of a school meal will continue to be £2.40 per day which is payable in advance, either daily, weekly, half termly or termly. Please make sure that the home/school diary is used to inform class teams if money is being brought into school. Please make sure that all money is in a sealed envelope with your child's name and class.

### **Tucasi Online Payments**

Parents and carers can use the Tucasi online payment system at our school. The system will allow you to view balances and pay for school meals, trips and events online without the need to send cash or cheques into school. Please contact the admin office if you need any assistance.

I look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child's learning, independence and development. Please do not hesitate to contact me at school if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

Justin Innes  
Headteacher