



MALCOLM SARGENT PRIMARY SCHOOL

Love To Learn

4 September 2020

Dear Parents

RE-OPENING UPDATE – 4 SEPTEMBER 2020

What a Successful Start to the Term!

Thank you to all our parents, children and staff members for such a positive first day back yesterday! Attendance was at 97%, which is tremendous, and the children's behaviour was excellent, calm and quiet.

Please help us to continue with this success and reduce the risk of cross-infection by:

- Remembering to socially distance in the playgrounds.
- Ensuring you and your children queue 2m apart (yellow markers are on the floor to remind you).
- Arriving at your allocated drop off or collection time, and not before or after, which helps to ease congestion on the playgrounds. For those parents with siblings who have different drop off times, we would suggest that you arrive at the end of the first drop off time. This means that both children can be dropped off straight away (at the end of the first drop off for child 1 and the start of the second drop off for child 2 etc) which will save you waiting in the playground.
- Avoiding the pinch point we have identified, predominantly for Y4 children, outside Mr Prentice's fire door, on the walkway between the main building and the Y5/6 block. We would advise that you use an alternative route to ease congestion, for instance by walking around the back of the Y5/6 block.
- Dropping off and collecting the children in Y2S at the Y2 cloakroom, thus avoiding queues and close contact in the narrow walkway from the Y2 gate to the KS1 playground.

Just as a reminder, here are the timings for the school day. Gates will open at **0830 and close at 0910** for the morning drop off, and then open again at **1500 and close again at 1540** for the afternoon collection. We know your children are all enthusiastic to attend school again, but please try not to arrive too early which causes queues at the gates!

	Drop off between	Register	Lessons start	Lessons end	Collection between
FS/Y1/Y3/Y5	0835-0850	0850	0900	1505	1505-1520
Y2/Y4/Y6	0850-0905	0905	0915	1520	1520-1535

PE Kits

As you will be aware from the start/end times to the school day, we have put together a new timetable for the children. This has allowed us to increase PE slots which are being run for all children by Mr Keenan and our new Sports Apprentice, Miss Storer. We would therefore like all children to attend school in their PE kit on their nominated PE days. Those days will be notified to you by your class teacher shortly. The children will stay in their PE kit all day, so no standard uniform will be required on PE days. Please ensure that children have school PE sweatshirts and joggers, and a coat etc, on cold days.

This new arrangement will not only speed up the changeover period between PE and other lessons, as children will not need to change clothes, but also mean that additional items are not carried to and from school.

Lesson Provision During Absences/SeeSaw

If your child is unable to attend school for any Covid-19 reason ie illness, quarantining or isolation, we will be supplying a copy of the lessons delivered by teachers in the form of slides, or workbooks. These will either be posted or personally delivered to your home, if they cannot be provided via SeeSaw. Please be aware, however, that as all children are now back at school, we no longer have the capacity to provide bespoke modelling or voiceover lessons. Once your child returns to school, we will discuss with them their work but we will not be marking it in the same detailed way as usual. As previously, if your child is off for a non-Covid-19 illness, we will not be providing work. If, however, your child's bubble is closed down, then we will revert to providing online lessons via SeeSaw for the entire class.

If you need a new SeeSaw code, please email the office on enquiries@malcolmsargent.lincs.sch.uk with SEESAW CODE in the subject line.

Lost Property

Just a reminder that all items in school must be named. Named items will be returned to your child's bubble. We can no longer store un-named items so unfortunately these will either be donated to the PTFA or we will have to dispose of them.

Reading Books

For now, each class has a box of reading books, which are available to children. On their return, they are stored for 72+ hours before being made available again. We are hoping that the main school library will be able to re-open shortly with suitable hygiene systems in place.

Inevitably, as we progress through the term, and certainly in the first few days and weeks, we will be making further adjustments as necessary.

Finally, we have been made aware of children who have not returned to us following the summer break as a result of a positive Covid-19 test in their family. No further action is currently required but the virus remains in circulation in the community and we urge everyone to follow the Government and school guidelines carefully to ensure everyone's safety and to prevent further spread.

Thank you for your understanding and ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

Mr T J Revell
Principal