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## Lisburne Main Site

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July

Dear parents and carers,

We would like to thank everyone for all your support and patience during the last few months. We hope that you have enjoyed all the work and information sent from our teachers through online learning activities and weekly posts. We would like to extend our sincere thanks for the kind messages we have received, it has been a very difficult and unprecedented time for us all. We hope that you have managed to look at our virtual tour of school; we hope this will help and support the children in their transition process and return to school.

We are really looking forward to seeing **everyone returning back to school** in September and want to inform you of a few changes outlined within the Government guidelines;

- Timings will be a little different in September:~
  - \* **Unfortunately no breakfast or after school clubs available until after ½ term.**
  - \* **Taxis/ LEA transport will drop off at 8:45-9:00am and pick up 2:40-2:50pm**
  - \* **Parents/ carers will drop off at 9:00-9:10am and pick up 2:50-3:00pm**
- Our school setting will be arranged in “bubbles” of class clusters, this will reduce contact between children with lower numbers of children in any group.
- We will be reducing social contact - please be aware this is not the same as social distancing but is in line with new Government guidelines.
- New cleaning and hygiene routines have been introduced; all the staff and children will follow these routines throughout the day.
- Where possible – staff and pupils to wear clean clothing each day.
- Lunches will be eaten within the classroom, in addition all classes will have split and separate breaks/ playtimes.
- Packed lunches will need to be brought to school in disposable bags.
- Children will enter and leave school through different doors/ gates and exits to reduce groups and ease crowding.
- School bags will now be allowed, **but no additional items should be brought in school from home** (e.g. toys, comforters etc).
- We are unable to have large gatherings or assemblies; classes will have links through circle times and activities within their bubbles.
- Life skills will restart through clear links to the children’s learning – please be aware that only outdoor areas / venues will be visited in the Autumn Term.
- Professionals and therapists will be returning, under risk assessment guidelines, from September.



Coming back to school in a bubble!



# Lisburne School



We want to ask all of our parents and carers to be vigilant to Covid-19 symptoms and notify us immediately if your child is unwell – as you will be aware, this could affect a large number of children and staff. We understand some of our children may not be returning at present due to shielding, however, we want to stress that the Government has stated children and staff should return back to school in September.

We want to inform you that we will be extending Lisburne School to encompass a third site. We will welcome new families this September to our Overdale site in Romiley – this is in addition to our Hollywood and Offerton sites. I want to assure parents that I will be Headteacher of all three sites and will continue to oversee the running of the whole school. Fiona Southam will be the Family Liaison based at Overdale from September with Janet Berry and Liz Reed also moving to the new site. We also have a new Associate Head, Sarah Gower-Jones and a number of new teachers based at our three sites; Anna Clyne, Kate O'Brien, Harriet Owens, Jenny Freeman, Caitlin Webster and Claire Miles will be teaching at Overdale and Lauren Smith will be joining in Holly Class. The three schools will all amalgamate together, in our new build, planned for September 2022. We want to reassure you that we have had regular planning / design meetings with the LEA and architects for the new build. The new school plans look fantastic and we are thankful these have continued on schedule throughout lockdown.

We would like to wish our Year 6 children good luck as they move on to secondary school. I know that they will continue to thrive and we hope they will keep in touch.



Please note that children will be returning to school on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September** – LEA transport will be in touch over the summer break to confirm routes and taxis. Transport will try and split some of the larger taxis and make these into smaller groups.

If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact us here at school. I hope that you all have a lovely summer and I look forward to welcoming everyone back for the start of the new school year

Sam Benson  
Headteacher

