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Dear Parents and Carers,

As I am sitting in my office, out of the window I can see the usual late August weather of rain and grey skies with the occasional roll of thunder added to the mix. The weather might be normal but we still haven't achieved normality when thinking about starting the new term next week.

I hope that, despite all the Covid restrictions, you managed to have a summer break and spend some good time together as a family.

As we said at the end of last term we will start the new term for children on Thursday 3rd September and run our old classes for the first part of term. We'll start full time in our new classes on Monday 21st September.

We'll be running the school as one bubble while minimising contact between classes as far as we can. We will be having staggered drop off and pick up times to avoid too many people gathering on the playground at the start and end of the day. We won't have all the children in one room for assembly. We won't have all the children queueing up together for lunch but serve packed lunches into classrooms.

We won't be allowing visitors into the building during the day (including parents / carers). Any messages should please be sent by email, as a note with the child or a phone call.
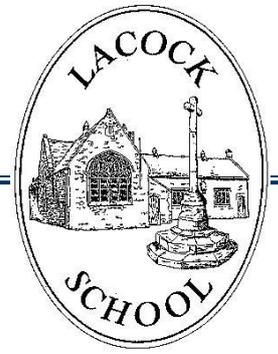
I realise that everyone will have their own reaction to school re-starting. Some will be very happy to get children back in school and some will be very nervous about them coming back. I am confident, having worked through the DfE guidance and the Wiltshire Model Risk Assessment (which has been adapted for Lacock School signed off by their Health and Safety team), we are in a good place to return next week.

There will be a real emphasis on regular hand-washing, using tissues to catch coughs and sneezes and cleaning around school. We ask that you follow the advice of:
- washing hands before leaving home,
- keeping socially distanced from other families when dropping off and picking up,
- not bringing other family members at drop off and pick up time so the playground isn't crowded
- and most of all, **if your child has Covid symptoms** (fever, new continuous cough or change in sense of taste or smell) **keeping them away from school and letting us know**.

The proposed drop off and pick up times (which allow all classes to have equal teaching time while avoiding crowding the playground) are as follows:
Oak: drop off at 8.40am and pick up at 3.00pm
Beech: drop off at 9.00am and pick up at 3.20pm
Willow: drop off at 8.50am and pick up at 3.10pm

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If a family has two children to drop off, both children can be dropped off at the earlier time and the second child can go to their classroom where there will be activities ready for them.

Breakfast Club and After School Club <u>will</u> be running. Breakfast club will start as usual at 7.45am – please ring the bell in reception and we'll come to let your child in. When picking up from after school club, again, ring the bell in reception and we'll bring your child to meet you.

We want to avoid unnecessary things going between home and school – for this reason in Oak and Beech classes we want children to come to school on PE days **in their PE kit.** As well as not having PE kits going back and forth between school and home this has the added benefit of saving time at the beginning and end of PE lessons and will also result in less lost bits of clothing. We'll confirm the relevant days before term starts.

The Covid situation continues to be changeable and we will regularly consider how effective our plans are .We will make changes as necessary to balance the twin aims of keeping our community as safe as possible while providing an effective education for all our pupils.

I hope that you enjoy the bank holiday weekend and look forward to seeing you all next week.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Hearn