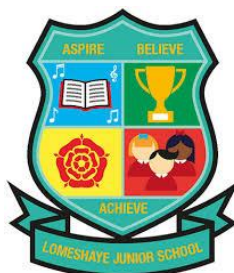


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FAQ's for Parents – Returning to School 8th March


Most of the answers to the questions listed below come directly from the Department of Education. Please read these questions and answers carefully. You can also read our full updated Risk Assessment which can be found on the School Website.

| General Questions | |
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| Question | Answer |
| Must my child/ren return to school on the 8 th of March? | Yes, there is no choice. All children must be in school on the 8 th of March. |
| How safe will school be? | We will take all the necessary precautions but we cannot guarantee that that we won't have a case of Covid in school. |
| What can I do to support the school? | Follow Government and School Guidelines which are sent to parents/carers. |
| Parental Expectation | |
| My children can see and talk to their friends; can I talk to my friends at the school gate? | No, the law states that people can only leave their house for recreation and exercise with their household or support bubble so please do not engage in conversations with other parents. You will be given specific directions on where to stand. |
| Must I wear a face mask? | It is highly recommended that you wear a face covering when dropping off and collecting your children. |
| Why is it highly recommended that I wear a face mask? | To reduce the spread of the virus and transmission across school. This will help us keep all learners in school and prevent bubble closures. |
| What time will school start? | The gates will open at 8.30am and learners must be in class no later than 8.55. **Only one parent to accompany learners on the yard/to the gate** |
| My child is in year 3 | You must social distance by lining up with your child and you must wear a mask. You will enter through the main gate on Norfolk Street. You need to drop your child off in the yard and exit via the corner gate which is a 1 way system. |

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| | <p>Members of staff will be on the yard. They will not be able to talk to you and you must keep moving.</p> <p>You must cross the road if you need to walk back on yourself.</p> |
| My child is in Year 4 or Learning Leaves | <p>Please drop your child off at the gate on Lowther Street and go straight home.</p> <p>Members of staff will be on the gate.</p> <p>Your child will sanitise their hands and then go straight to class.</p> |
| My child is in Year 5 | <p>Please drop your child off at the main gate on Norfolk Street and go straight home.</p> <p>Members of staff will be on the gate.</p> <p>Your child will sanitise their hands before entering the classroom.</p> |
| My child is in year 6 | <p>Please drop your child off at the gate on Lowther Street and go straight home.</p> <p>Members of staff will be on the gate.</p> <p>Your child will sanitise their hands and then go straight to class.</p> |
| <p>What do I need to do if I want to come into the Office?</p>  | <p>The gates will be locked at 8.55 am and learners will need to use the buzzing in system to enter the school via the main entrance on Norfolk Street. To lessen the stress we ask that you ensure that your child comes to school on time.</p> <p>If you need to come into the office, wait until all the children are in school. Please telephone the office in the first instance.</p> |
| What will happen at the end of the day? | <p>At the end of the day, times for picking up your child will remain staggered as they were last term. In order to avoid congestion, we ask that only one parent enters the yard.</p> <p>In years 3, 5 and 6, You will need to enter through the main entrance on Norfolk Street and join the appropriate socially distanced lines which will be clearly identifiable through signage and staff guidance. This is demonstrated on the guidance video which will be uploaded to the website this week.</p> <p>Year 4 learners and Learning Leaves will leave via the exit on Howard Street (the video demonstrates this). All parents to line up on the pavement adhering to the 2 metre markers and wearing a mask. Please make sure that you only pick your child up and that you keep moving. An adult will ask you the name and class your child is in. Please</p> |

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| | <p>ensure that you are not late for any of your children as this is very distressing for them. We cannot wait with a learner who finishes at 3.00pm if you decide that you will come at 3.20pm because that is when your other child finishes.</p> <p><u>Finishing times are as follows:</u></p> <p>3:05pm Year 3 and Learning Leaves</p> <p>3.10pm Year 4</p> <p>3.15pm Year 5</p> <p>3.20pm Year 6</p> |
| Control Measures | |
| <p>What will school be putting in place to control the spread of the virus?</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. We will ensure that adults who are required to self-isolate do not attend school and we urge all parents to keep children who have symptoms at home.2. All staff members will wear face coverings when they are not in their class bubbles and in communal areas.3. We will ensure that all learners follow "Catch it", Bin it, Kill it"4. Everyone will be expected to wash their hands thoroughly and more often than usual. Hand sanitiser and soap will be available. At the very least hands will be sanitised: When children arrive at school After breaks Before and after PE Before and after eating Toilet visits  <p>(Our bespoke poster will be displayed in all classes and around the building and referred to regularly)</p> |

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| | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Our cleaning will be enhanced and all surfaces that are frequently touched will be cleaned throughout the day. 6. Play times will be staggered throughout the day and learners will have lunch within their own classrooms with a scheduled lunch time play. 7. Windows will be opened to ensure ventilation and the continuous replacement of fresh air. 8. Staff members will be encouraged to engage with asymptomatic testing. |
| <p>What if I or my child or a member of staff has COVID-19 symptoms?</p> | <p>If a child has one or more coronavirus symptoms, they must not come to school and must go for a test. If you need assistance to book a test – please contact the school office on 01282 612063.</p> <p>If a member of the household or support bubble has symptoms, they must not come to school and should go for a test.</p> |
| <p>How long should they not attend school for?</p> | <p>As soon as they have symptoms, they must not attend school and must not attend for at least 10 days from the day after the start of their symptoms (the day the symptoms start is considered day 0) or from the test date if they did not have any symptoms but have had a positive test (whether this was a Lateral Flow Device (LFD) or Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test).</p> |
| <p>What happens if someone develops symptoms whilst at school?</p> | <p>If anyone in school develops a new and continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), they will be sent home to begin isolation - the isolation period includes the day the symptoms started and the next 10 full days They must go for a test.</p> |
| <p>What happens to the rest of my household if my child tests positive?</p> | <p>Other members of their household (including any siblings and members of their support or childcare bubble if they have one) should self-isolate. Their isolation period includes the day symptoms started for the first person in their household, or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms, whether this was a Lateral Flow Device (LFD) or Polymerase Chain Reaction</p> |

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| | <p>(PCR) test), and the next 10 full days. If a member of the household starts to display symptoms while self -isolating they will need to restart the 10 day isolation period and book a test.</p> <p>If anyone tests positive whilst not experiencing symptoms but develop symptoms during the isolation period, they must restart the 10 day isolation period from the day they developed symptoms.</p> | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>What will happen to staff members who were in contact with a child who tested positive?</p> | <p>Any member of staff who has provided close contact care to someone with symptoms, regardless of whether they were wearing PPE, and all other members of staff or pupils who have been in close contact with that person, do not need to go home to self-isolate unless:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the symptomatic person subsequently tests positive <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • they develop symptoms themselves (in which case, they should self-isolate immediately and arrange to have a test) • they are requested to do so by NHS Test and Trace or the Public Health England (PHE) advice service (or PHE local health protection team if escalated) • they have tested positive from an LFD test as part of a community or worker programme <i>Everyone must wash their hands thoroughly for 20 seconds with soap and running water or use hand sanitiser after any contact with someone who is unwell. The area around the person with symptoms must be cleaned after they have left, to reduce the risk of passing the infection on to other people</i> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Learner Expectation | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>Will my child need to wear their school uniform?</p> | <p>All children must return to school wearing a uniform.</p> <p>A PE kit must be worn on PE days.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="804 1655 1386 1839"> <tr> <td>Year 3</td> <td>Monday</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Year 4</td> <td>Tuesday</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Year 5</td> <td>Wednesday</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Year 6</td> <td>Thursday</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Learning Leaves</td> <td>Friday</td> </tr> </table> | Year 3 | Monday | Year 4 | Tuesday | Year 5 | Wednesday | Year 6 | Thursday | Learning Leaves | Friday |
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| <p>Can my child bring a book bag?</p> | <p>A book bag can be brought into school if necessary but it must only contain a reading book</p> | | | | | | | | | | |

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| My child has a packed lunch, can they bring their lunch in a lunch bag? | Ideally, a disposable bag should be used but if children bring a lunch bag to school this must be cleaned out and sanitised daily. |
| Will my child bring home a reading book? | Your child will bring home a reading book. When the book is returned it will be quarantined for 72 hours before being put back onto the bookshelf. Please ensure that your child washes their hands before and after reading the book at home. |
| Can my child bring their own pencil case? | No, all learners will be provided with their own stationery in school. |
| Can my child bring their own water bottle? | Yes, learners can bring a plastic water bottle but this must be taken home daily to be washed and sanitised. |
| Will my child be in their class bubble? | All learners will be in their class bubble. There will also be intervention groups which will need to take place. These groups may consist of children from different classes across the year group. If someone in the intervention group gets a positive Covid test then that bubble and the child's class will have to isolate – not the entire year group. |
| What must I do if my child is sent home because their bubble has to isolate? | Your child must stay at home for the specified time on the letter. This will be 10 days from when they last had contact with the positive case. If your child gets symptoms they must get a test. If the test is negative they must stay at home until the end of the 10 days. This is because they could still develop the virus. If the test result is positive you must inform school immediately and your child needs to isolate from the day they started getting symptoms and for 10 days after that. All members of the family must isolate starting from when the child first got symptoms and the next full 10 days. |
| Can my child still attend Mosque if someone in the family has tested positive? | No, the entire family has to isolate for 10 days. You must not go anywhere. |
| Can we attend Mosque if my child is isolating because their class bubble has to isolate? | Yes, but the child who is isolating must not attend and if they develop symptoms, the whole family must isolate. If you are told to self-isolate by NHS test and trace then you must do so. |
| Attendance at School | |
| Will I get fined if I don't send my child to school? | The Government has said that parents have a duty to send their children to school. School will follow the guidelines and issue fines for non-attendance. |
| What happens if I travel abroad? | If you travel to a country that is not a red list country, for example Pakistan or Spain, |

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| | <p>you will need to quarantine for 10 days at home. If you travel to a red list country you will be expected to quarantine in a specified Covid hotel. You will also need to purchase a home testing package, with Coronavirus tests which will need to be taken on days 2 and 8 after arrival to support the UK's genomic sequencing programme.</p> <p>You will not be allowed to send your child back to school without following this guidance.</p> |
| <p>Curriculum Expectations</p> | |
| <p>What will my child be learning?</p> | <p>Gaps in your child's learning will be identified and teachers will plan lessons and interventions to support their progress.</p> |
| <p>How can I help my child?</p> | <p>You have done an amazing job with home learning but we also need you to continue to ensure that learning is completed when sent home and that your child is reading on a daily basis.</p> |
| <p>Will the curriculum change?</p> | <p>Teachers will identify the most important aspects of the curriculum that will allow all learners to make progress. Ongoing assessments will support teachers in knowing what needs to be taught.</p> |
| <p>Teaching and Learning</p> | <p>Teachers will prioritise identifying gaps and re-establishing good progress in the essentials (phonics and reading, increasing vocabulary, writing and mathematics). They will identify opportunities across the curriculum so that learners read widely, developing their knowledge and vocabulary. The curriculum offer will remain broad, so that the majority of learners are taught a full range of subjects over the year, including sciences, humanities, music and the arts, physical education and sport and religious education.</p> |
| <p>How will my child's well being needs be taken care of?</p> | <p>Through class assemblies, topics of well being will be discussed and concerns will be addressed.</p> |
| <p>What if my child is reluctant to go back to school and what support will be in place for my child's mental health and well being?</p> | <p>The mental health and wellbeing of our learners is a top priority as we know that learners need to feel happy, safe and secure in school to make the best progress in their learning. Worries about going back to school are normal emotions for learners to be experiencing right now. The Local Authority has provided establishments with information to help them support learners to</p> |

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| | feel happy, safe and secure about the transition. |
| What should I be doing to get my child ready for school? | <p>Be positive about the reopening of school and explain to your child that they will be seeing their friends and enjoying their learning.</p> <p>Remind them that it is important that they keep themselves safe:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• They should not touch their faces especially if they haven't washed their hands.• Practice 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it' to catch coughs and sneezes. Ensure that they use a tissue when they sneeze and then bin it and when they cough they need to cough into the crook of their elbow. They must wash their hands as soon as they have coughed or sneezed.• Tell them that school may look a little different but all the teachers are looking forward to seeing the children back. |