

12th October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to begin by thanking you all for supporting the school as we find our way through this new normal. The children have settled in brilliantly on our return to school and our curriculum offer is in full swing because of the support and understanding that you have provided in this first part of the school year.

COVID-19

I understand that discussions surrounding COVID-19 are prevalent in the media at the moment. You may have also heard about infection rates within areas of South Devon, please rest assured that we continue to work within the safety measures set to keep the children and staff safe. I would like to reassure you that, within school, we are continuing to work within the guidelines set by the government including frequent handwashing, using the catch it-bin it-kill it approach and following advice from Public Health England. We continue to advise that, if your child is experiencing any symptoms, you do not attend school but that you call the school office and we will support you with the necessary steps that you need to take.

We have previously shared our risk assessments with you on our [website](#) and informed you that we would continue to review them. Having reviewed our risk assessment, and in an effort to protect all adults in this changing climate, we are asking that **from tomorrow Tuesday 13th October parents or children over the age of 12 wear face coverings** when they come to school to drop and pick up their child from the front gate or the back door, and in any face to face conversations with parents and teachers.

We appreciate that some people are exempt from wearing face coverings and know it is important to make sure that members of our community are not judged in a negative way if they are unable to wear one.

You will also notice that from tomorrow, members of staff will also be wearing masks at the beginning and end of the day. These will be removed once children are in their normal bubbles.

Under normal circumstances we welcome the informal conversations with parents as this helps us to have a better understanding of the children in our care as well as addressing any concerns as soon as they arise. However, in the current climate, please can we ask parents to try to contact school staff via the admin email allsaints@lapsw.org and/or book telephone appointments, as necessary, for conversations. Where possible, this will enable teachers to be prepared with information and provide a proper confidential environment to discuss individual children as well as reducing the risk of transmission.

Like you, we long for the day when school can go back to normal. However in this time of the pandemic we feel that it is right to take every precaution to protect the pupils, staff and community. This is why we thank you, in advance for your support and partnership working.



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Remote learning plan and home learning

A huge thank you and well done to children and families for adapting so well to our new way of home learning. We have been totally blown away with your support and encouragement as we have moved onto Google Classroom. It has been lovely to see and hear children across the school enthused about their home learning and eager to share what they have done at home with their class teacher. We also know that there have been some difficulties and teachers continue to work with parents to support accessing the home learning and thank you for your continued patience with this.

As Google Classroom (and Tapestry for our new Reception children) is now set up throughout the school, we are able to ensure that during these uncertain times we can continue teaching, and allow all children access to the same curriculum regardless of where they are learning.

In the event of a lockdown or self isolation of pupils, we have put together a remote learning package to avoid any disruption to your child's education. Should your child need to self isolate, we will provide work from the second day onwards via Google Classroom. Please familiarise yourself with the document which is attached but please do not worry as we understand and recognise that all family circumstances are different and in the event of having to access home learning this will provide challenges and we are here to support throughout.

Parents evening

Thank you all so much for your responses regarding the parent consultations and booking your time slot on [Edu Spot](#) for your virtual consultation via Google Classroom Meet which will be a 10 minute appointment with the class teacher.

Please ensure you are prompt as the teacher will need to finish the call on time. The link to the meeting with your child's teacher will be posted in your child's Google Classroom and will require you to click and join at your allocated time. If there are any problems, please contact the school office.

We look forward to sharing the successes that your children have achieved this half term and continued partnership with you to keep our children in school, safe, happy and learning!

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Edwards

Head of Academy