

## Longhoughton C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents

September has arrived and we are ready and looking forward to seeing the children tomorrow. Staff have been working extremely hard over the summer and this week to be ready for tomorrow.

An information letter was sent out in July and again in August detailing how school will operate this term.

This letter has reminders about these procedures and some new information and more detail about school lunches, reading books, PE kits and homework.

Firstly we have had a slight change to staffing over the summer! Congratulations to Mrs Gray who got married last week, she is now Mrs Creasey.

As you will recall from the previous information shared the children will be in their own class bubbles with their own entrance and toilets. Staff will be on hand at the start of the day to direct families new to school who maybe unsure of where to go.

- St George (N & R) – EYFS garden entrance (follow the path round to the right of the main school building)
- St Patrick (Y1 & Y2) – door from the back yard (follow the path round to the right of the main school building)
- St David (Y3 & Y4) – main entrance
- St Andrew (Y5 & Y6) – mobile
- The children will wash their hands when they enter school and before they go home and there will be regular hand washing throughout the day. Children can bring a small bottle of hand cream to school to keep in their drawer, as so much hand washing can make their hands sore.
- As previously explained, the start and end of the school day will be staggered with families arriving in Group A or Group B. We have divided the school using family surnames.
  - Group A - surnames beginning A to L - arrival time 8:45, pick up time 3:05
  - Group B - surnames beginning M to Z - arrival time 8:55, pick up time 3:15

We ask that only **one** parent drops off and picks up from school. Please arrive at school as close to drop off time as possible so that there is no standing around. Families can wait on either the front or back yard or the wood chip area until staff open the doors for each group. Parents with children in different classes will need to drop children at their respective entrance points. Please remember social distancing while waiting and moving round the school site and please keep your children with you at all times. Please do not allow the children to play on the outside play equipment. Once children have said goodbye and entered school, we ask that parents leave the school site maintaining social distancing.

The Walk to School Policy for Year 5 & Year 6 will be issued this week for parents to sign, if they wish, to give permission for children to walk on their own to and from school. Please remember that parents do need to be extremely confident that their child(ren) will be able to adhere to social distancing guidelines and arrive at their allotted start time on time and not too early.

### PE Kit

The children **do not** need to bring a PE kit into school. Children will wear their PE kit for school on their PE days as this will remove the need to change the children in the classrooms. They will need to wear a t-shirt, shorts/joggers, hoodie/sweatshirt and PE shoes. Children may wish to bring a change of shoes and socks in case shoes get muddy if PE is outside (and a bag for muddy shoes).

**There will be no PE lessons this week; PE will start on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September.**

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Please remember the children will be accessing resources for other curriculum areas (whiteboard pens, felt tips etc.) during the day so please make sure they are not wearing anything that you do not want spoilt. An old school t-shirt or jumper is fine for PE too.

### PE days for Autumn 1

Monday – all children (NUFC will lead PE again)

Tuesday – Y5/6 (Cricket with Tom Vickers)

Wednesday – Nursery & Reception

Friday – Y1/2 and Y3/4

### **Reading Books and Homework**

Children in Year 1 to 6 will be given a reading book and their reading diary this week. We ask that reading diaries are kept at home during the week and brought to school on a Friday. The diaries will be kept in school over the weekend and staff will check them on a Monday before sending home again. Children in KS1 and Y3/4 will be able to change their books on a Monday and a Thursday. Books will then be placed in quarantine before being made available for others to use. Due to this procedure children will not be able to change their books more often. More information about reading homework will be sent out on class newsletters.

Children in KS2 who are reading longer novels will be asked to keep these books at home for their home reader and have another book that will stay in school as their school reader.

Spelling and maths homework will not start until Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September and information will be sent out later explaining this.

### **School lunches**

Mrs Hinson will be serving a hot school meal at lunchtime and all children, including packed lunches will eat in the school hall. There will be 2 sittings and each bubble will have their own eating area with enhanced cleaning between bubbles. Please see the menu on the school website

[http://www.longhoughton.northumberland.sch.uk/website/school\\_dinner\\_menu/103916](http://www.longhoughton.northumberland.sch.uk/website/school_dinner_menu/103916).

Please send lunch money (Y3 – Y6) in at the start of the week for all of the lunches required for that week in a named envelope. Please do not send loose money in on a daily basis. (£2.20 per lunch)

The children can still bring their packed lunch to school in a packed lunch bag that will be taken home each night to be cleaned. Whilst we want the children to eat well at lunch time, the split sittings will mean the children will only have half an hour to eat their lunch so please be mindful of how much they are given to eat.

For tomorrow the children will only need to bring their coat, a snack for the morning, a water bottle and their packed lunch if they are having one. Please do not send any pencil cases as these resources will be provided. Free fruit for EYFS and Key Stage 1 is expected to start next week. We are not able to start milk immediately. It will begin 21<sup>st</sup> September, more information will follow.

We are really looking forward to welcoming everyone back tomorrow.

Yours sincerely

*T Critchlow*

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(Headteacher)