

# LEYBOURNE SS PETER & PAUL C E PRIMARY ACADEMY

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Dear Parents,

The end of another week, one in which we found out a little more about the Government's plans for a full return to school for all children in September. As with the previous stages of our phased return, I shall give you detailed information about what this means for us at Leybourne in due course, once we have finalised our plans and had them agreed by the Board of Trustees. I am, however, very excited that we should be welcoming all of the children back to school next year!

At this time, though, I do have a good deal of information to share with you, relating to matters in school this term.

## Summer Holidays

*Please note that the school is closed to all pupils, including Key Worker children, from Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July to Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September inclusive.*

Children attending the Transition Sessions on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> are asked to attend for their session only – we do not have further Key Worker provision on this day.

The Government announced that “The Secretary of State for Education has confirmed that we are not asking schools to open over the summer holidays, and there is no expectation that schools should open for vulnerable children and children of critical workers over this period. Teachers, support staff and school leaders deserve a break, to recharge and rest.”

## Daily Diaries

I know that some of you are rightly proud of the work the children have produced during this period, and wish to keep their Daily Diaries as a keepsake of this time. We have asked that the children bring them into school when they come in at the end of term, but I am happy to say that they will be returned to the children at the start of the Autumn Term in September.

## Saying Goodbye

We have invited pupils in Years 3,4 and 5 to come into school at specified times on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July to say “goodbye” to their current class teacher. If your child has attended school as part of a “Priority Group” bubble this term, they will not be able to join their class on this occasion, as they must remain as part of that group. Please note that this applies even if they are not in

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school on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July – please do not send them in to say goodbye, as they will not be able to join the rest of their class group on this day.

They will, however, be able to join with them on the Transition Day on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>.

*I fully appreciate that many children will have grown over the past few months (especially if they have eaten at the rate my own children have during lockdown!) and may well have outgrown their school uniform! Please do not worry about sending them in in school uniform for either the Transition Day or the farewell session!*

### End of Year Reports

We will not be producing End of Year reports for the children this term. The reports you were given in May were an accurate reflection of your child's attainment and progress at that time, and gave reliable information based on the Class Teacher's knowledge of them when they were last taught in a full class situation. Reports written at this time could not provide a full picture of the children's achievements, given the current situation.

### Dropping off and Picking Up!

Thank you to all of you who have adhered to the staggered arrival and collection times this term. Unfortunately, we have had a few instances of families arriving too early and mixing in with families from other groups. *If you arrive before your allotted time, please do wait at the top of the drive, and do not walk down the path until it is your time to arrive.*

Please can I also remind you that parents are not to use the staff car park? Thank you.

Finally, the one-way system around the school, entering through Oxley Shaw Lane and leaving through Rectory Lane North has proved to be extremely efficient and has ensured the safety of everyone using what is a very narrow path. This system will now remain in place and the school will continue to operate the one-way system at drop off and pick up times in the new academic year.

### Musical Performances

You may recall that I said we were hoping to create a shared online concert, using recordings of children playing their musical instruments, or singing, during lockdown. It would be wonderful if we could have recordings sent to the school office in MP4 format please, by Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July, to allow Mrs Martin to collate them for us. Thank you!

### Reading Books

We would be grateful if *all* school reading books could be returned to school by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July please. We will not be issuing any reading books to the children in any of the year groups over the summer holidays as we need to collate all of the books in preparation for a full return to school in September.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Tina Holditch