

# LEYBOURNE SS PETER & PAUL C E PRIMARY ACADEMY



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Dear Parents

Welcome to the start of the new academic year! Never have I felt so excited to be returning – whilst so unsure as to what the new year will bring! I do know that we are all so pleased to be returning and to be welcoming the children back to school this week. We have missed them all and cannot wait to establish a “new normal” in school for the children.

You may recall that at the end of last term I recorded a video for the children, explaining how school will operate in September. This can be found on the home page of the school website and will hopefully allay some fears and anxieties about the return to school.

If your child, or you as a parent, has any particular concern about the return to school, please do contact me directly at [headteacher@leybourne.kent.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@leybourne.kent.sch.uk) and we will do our best to support you. This first term will be spent getting the children established back in school, ensuring they feel safe and secure whilst we identify and address their emotional and academic needs.

I am sure you will recall that we must operate a system of staggered starts and finishes, and will also continue with the one-way system through the school grounds. I do appreciate that this may be problematic, and I am sorry for the issues it may cause. Unfortunately, it really is essential if we are to safely manage the arrival and departure of significantly more children than we have had in school over the past few months. Siblings should be dropped off and collected at the earliest relevant times for your family. Please do not worry that this will be disruptive – staff have planned for this to happen and will manage the early arrival and departure of children as appropriate. For reference, I attach the times again below:

	Arrival time	End of school day
Years 5 and 6	8:30am	2:45pm
Years 3 and 4	8:40am	2:55pm
Years 1 and 2	8:50am	3:05pm
*Reception	9:00am	3:15pm
Late Arrivals	To the school office AFTER 9:20am	

*\*Reception will be in school from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2020 for half day sessions until they join fulltime on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October. Timings of the half day sessions have been adjusted in line with these staggered starts and finishes: Morning groups: 9:00 – 11:30am; Afternoon groups 12:45 – 3:15pm.*

If you arrive after your designated slot, PLEASE DO NOT join the queue. You will need to make your way round to the main office AFTER 9:20am.

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in a caring, happy Christian environment**



Unfortunately, we are unable to welcome visitors and volunteer helpers into school at this time. We hope that we will be able to welcome parent helpers back into school in Term 2, depending on the situation at the time. If you have a query or concern regarding your child, or you need to pass a message to the class teacher, please call the school office on 01732 842008, or email [office@leybourne.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@leybourne.kent.sch.uk). Although the class email accounts are still active, please do not use these to contact your child's class teacher at this time, as teachers are obviously unable to access them during lessons, and are often busy during their lunch and break times. We would hate for them to inadvertently miss a message from you. Please do not come into school without an appointment unless absolutely necessary.

Breakfast Club will start again on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September for pupils in Years 1 – 6. Reception pupils will be able to join from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October when they start fulltime. Children will be seated at tables with children from their bubble, and will not be allowed to mix with children from other bubbles. Breakfast Club should be booked in the usual way. *Please note that all children coming to Breakfast Club must arrive between 7:30 and 7:45am – unfortunately we will not be able to accept pupils after this time.*

I am delighted to welcome Mrs Millar, Mrs Robinson and Mrs Spratt to their new Teaching Assistant roles. We look forward to working with them all and hope they will enjoy their time with us.

Finally, I hope that you have all had a wonderful summer break, and look forward to seeing you all again over the coming days and weeks.

Kind regards

Tina Holditch  
Headteacher