

LEYBOURNE SS PETER & PAUL C E PRIMARY ACADEMY



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Dear Parents

I hope that you have enjoyed the children's return to school as much as we have. It has been so lovely to have them back in school! We have all been so impressed with the wonderful way the children have settled back into school. They have adapted so well to the new systems and have really shown great resilience and motivation as they engage with their learning. You have all obviously done a great job with them over lockdown – thank you!!

Thank you also for your patience and understanding as we get used to the new systems and processes that we have implemented in order to comply with Government guidance at this time.

We do understand the staggered starts and finishes are inconvenient for some parents. Unfortunately, we are unable to change this at this time, although we will obviously keep the situation under review. I realise that some of you have made arrangements for other family members to collect your children. Please do let us know if someone else will be collecting your child, especially if it means that they will need to be collected at a different time to the rest of their bubble. As with siblings, children who are being collected together (either by a childminder or other family member) will leave at the earliest designated time for those children.

I am delighted that you and your children are so keen to get to school in the morning! Please can I ask, however, that you do not arrive at the car park gates until your allocated time? We have had a few families arriving within their time slot, but getting caught up with families who are early for their arrival times. Thank you.

The one way system is proving effective, although, understandably, a few parents have lingered at the playground gate to see the children in. I am sure that as the children settle this will diminish, which will enable parents to flow more freely around the site. Whilst I obviously understand your wish to see your children into school, or to catch up with other parents at the school gates, please can I ask you not to wait at the playground gate, as it does cause a delay.

I am sure you will have noticed Mrs Hardy outside the school office at the beginning of each day. We will always have a member of office staff outside at this time in order to receive any messages or notes that you may need to pass on. We are obviously trying to minimise the number of people we have entering the school buildings, so please do speak to the staff who are outside for this purpose if possible.

As is the case with shops now, we are asking that all visitors to the school wear face masks please.

**We promote the learning and development of all children to achieve their full potential
in a caring, happy Christian environment**



I am sure you will appreciate that one of our most effective measures to minimise the risk of infection being spread amongst the school is to reduce the contact we have with the infection. Therefore, it is vital that you keep your children off school if they are showing any possible signs of being ill. If the child's symptoms suggest the possibility of Covid 19, then you must get them tested. Any absence from school for testing is authorised. Please understand that if your child comes into school and displays even the mildest possible signs of having a temperature or persistent cough, we have no choice but to isolate them immediately and insist that you come and collect them. Please don't put us in the position of having to do this – if in doubt, keep them at home and get a test. For more information on how to get a test please visit <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Admissions

I know that some of you with children due to start school in September 2021 will already be thinking ahead to the admissions process. Obviously, there will be some changes this year – notably that tours of the school will be strictly limited in terms of numbers of visitors at any one time, and we will not be able to hold an Open Evening for a large number of people as in previous years. At the moment we are concentrating on settling our current pupils back into school, and minimising any further disruption to them, so all New Intake activities will take place from October. Further details will follow nearer the time!

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club will be starting again on Monday for Years 1-6. If you would like your child/children to attend, please book and pay online in the usual way. Please note that children will need to arrive between 7:30 and 7:45am in order to use the Breakfast Club provision at this time.

Cashless School

Please note that we are now a cashless school. Please make all payments online via SchoolComms. This is in a bid to reduce the amount of money we are taking into school from various homes, and also to limit the need for our staff to expose themselves to risk by physically banking to bank the money. Thank you.

Forest School

I am pleased to confirm the Forest School dates for this term. As in previous years, please send the children into school dressed for Forest School, with their school uniform in a separate bag, ready for them to change into later.

Friday 11 th September	Year 6	Monday 5 th October	Year 1
Thursday 17 th September	Year 4	Tuesday 6 th October	Year 2
Friday 18 th September	Year 5	Wednesday 7 th October	Year 5
Tuesday 22 nd September	Year 1	Thursday 8 th October	Year 4
Thursday 24 th September	Year 2	Friday 9 th October	Year 3
Friday 25 th September	Year 3	Friday 16 th October	Year 6

We would be very happy to hear from parents who have previously had a DBS check with us, and who would be willing to support with Forest School sessions. In this situation, we are able to

work with adult volunteers as Forest School takes place outdoors and we can meet you in the Forest School area, without the need for you to come into school.

Midday Supervisor Vacancies

We currently have three vacancies for Midday Supervisors. One post is for 5 hours weekly, to be worked in Key Stage One between 11:45am and 12:45pm daily. The second post is for 3.75 hours weekly, to be worked in Key Stage Two between 12:15 and 1:00pm daily. These posts are term time only appointments, and are temporary until 31st July 2021. These posts commence on 28th September, based on mutual agreement. The third post is linked to an individual pupil, joining our Reception Class. This post is again for 5 hours each week, to be worked between 12:15 and 1:15pm daily, starting on 5th October 2020. This post is linked to a specific pupil, and is therefore for the duration of the child's time at school.

Leybourne Ss Peter and Paul CEP Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. Successful applicants will be required to undertake an Enhanced Disclosure by the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS Check).

Please contact us by telephone in the first instance if you would like to discuss anything further regarding our vacancies. Applications should be made on the Tenax Schools Trust Support Staff Application Form, available from the school office (office@leybourne.kent.sch.uk). Please clearly state which post(s) you wish to apply for. We may need to conduct interviews via a virtual platform, although we hope to hold interviews in person following social distancing guidelines.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend, and that the weather is kind to us. I am sure the children will have lots to tell you about their return to school!

Kind regards

Tina