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Dear Parents

I cannot believe that we have been back in school with Years 1 – 6 for a whole week – it really is so lovely to have our school back together, albeit under slightly unusual conditions.

Thank you for your continued support with the various changes to our usual practice. For clarification, details of our arrival and departure times are posted on the school gates, along with a reminder of the need to wait at the gate on Oxley Shaw Lane until the stated time for each bubble, please.

I am sure many of you are keeping a close eye on infection rates in the local and national news – believe me, so am I! We are doing all we can in school to ensure that the risk of passing on any infection is as low as can be, and would again ask for your continued support with this – namely by keeping your children off school if they are showing any symptoms that suggest the possibility of Covid 19. In this situation, 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.

I must also ask that parents adhere to social distancing guidelines, particularly along the school path, please. We desperately do not want to risk a school closure due to a failure by adults to socially distance. Thank you.

Autumn Term Parent Consultations

You may recall that I advised you that we will be holding our Parent Consultations for Years 1 to 6 slightly earlier this year, to allow parents and teachers to discuss the children's learning, progress and identified next steps following last year's partial school closure.

As I am sure you will appreciate, holding Parent Consultations in the current climate will necessitate a number of changes to our usual practices, however, the staff and I are keen to offer you the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher in person. Obviously, the plans we have in place at this time may be subject to change, should the local or national situation require it, although I would hope that we are able to proceed as planned.

Further information will obviously follow nearer the time, but consultations for Years 1 -6 will take place on Tuesday 13th, Wednesday 14th, Thursday 15th, Tuesday 20th, Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd October, between 3:30 and 5:30pm. Consultations for Reception will take place in

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November to allow the children time to settle into school following their start (full time) on October 5th 2020. At this time, I anticipate that they will follow this same format as those for the other years.

Please be assured that due consideration has been given to social distancing and other preventative measures, full details of which will be included in our Parent Consultation letters.

Bags2School

We have arranged a Bags2School collection for Friday 25th September. Collection bags will be sent home with the children on Monday (they will have been wiped with anti-bac first). We would be very grateful to receive any donations on the morning of the 25th, when we will have a member of staff waiting in the car park to receive them. In this way, the bags can be immediately passed on, without the need for us to store them in school. Thank you for your support.

Free School Meals

The past few months have affected everyone in different ways, and I am acutely aware that many people's circumstances may have changed as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. If your personal situation has changed, your children may now be eligible for Free School Meals. This in turn entitles them to what is known as Pupil Premium Funding, which can be used to support your child through the provision of Breakfast Club, school trips and extra-curricular activities (when they are able to resume), school uniform and additional in school support.

If you receive any of the following:

- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.

please do apply online at <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/kent/>

Please note that even if your circumstances subsequently change, meaning you are no longer entitled to free school meals for your child, the Pupil Premium entitlement stays with them for six years. We can therefore continue to offer additional support even after the free school meals entitlement ends.

Applying is very quick and simple and you will be notified by email regarding the outcome of your application. If your application is successful, the school will be notified separately.

Parents and children sometimes may feel that there is a stigma associated with receiving free school meals. Please be assured that if you do apply the school is not notified unless your child is found to be eligible to receive free school meals. Only if the application is successful is the school notified. This information is then given only to those who process this in school. At no stage would any other pupil in school know that the child is receiving free school meals, and no distinction is made between the children in any way.

If you do not wish your child to receive the Free School Meals, however, you can still apply but not take up the offer of the meals. In this way your child will receive the Pupil Premium Funding, entitling them to additional support.

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.

School Lunchtimes

Please be aware that as a result of the need to stagger break and lunchtimes at the moment, Key Stage 2 have a slightly shorter lunch break of 45 minutes. This time is split evenly between eating and playing.

School Photographs

I am pleased to tell you that we will be having individual school photographs on Wednesday 23rd September. Unfortunately, due to the current situation, we will not be able to invite younger siblings into school for joint photographs, although siblings in school will be able to join together briefly to have their photographs taken together. I realise that this may be disappointing for those of you with pre-school children, who would usually join us for the photographs - I am afraid that this is simply not possible at the moment. I do hope you understand.

Stars of the Week

In a lovely return to something approaching "normal" in school, we held Celebration Assemblies in our classes and bubbles today. Well done to the following children for making such a great start to the new school year – we are very proud of all of you!

Year 1	Thomas L	Sophie H
Year 2	Harriet S	Finley B
Year 3	Frankie M	Summer B
Year 4	Florence W	Boris N
Year 5	Florence M	Amelia F

I hope you all have a lovely weekend; after today, I am looking forward to the promised increase in temperature!

Kind regards

Tina Holditch