

# LEYBOURNE SS PETER & PAUL C E PRIMARY ACADEMY

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Dear Parents

I hope you and your families are all well, and that the so-called “Rule of Six” has not presented too many issues for you at this time. Life in school is returning to a sense of normality – it is simply lovely to have all of the children back in, and to hear them talking and laughing around the school.

Obviously, a number of children have been self-isolating as a precaution this week, and I am sure that the number of families needing to do this in the future will undoubtedly increase. If your child needs to be absent from school to self-isolate, but feels well, then it is important that some home learning takes place. If your child is off school due to illness please be assured that we will not be expecting them to complete any home learning!

We expect all children to read daily and for children in those year groups for which it is appropriate, we would like them to practise spellings and times tables, which may be done on TT Rockstars. In addition to this, daily lessons can be accessed from the **Oak National Academy**. The lessons will not be exactly the same as the learning that will be taking place in school that day, but it will fit perfectly with the curriculum that is taught in that year group.

In order to access the lessons, click on this link:

<https://www.thenational.academy/>

Click on the green **Lessons** button under the title **Pupils**

Next, click on **Schedule**, then select your child’s year group

Three lessons for each day are then presented: one English, one maths and one additional subject, which changes each day. Follow the instructions given. The lessons include a teaching video and activities to complete.

We are today sending out Curriculum Overviews for each of the classes. These will give you an overview of what the children will be covering this term, to enable you to support

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your children at home. The Curriculum Overviews will also be published on our school website for your convenience.

In the event of a school closure, or a bubble needing to self-isolate, detailed online home learning will be provided for all children.

### **Admissions 2021**

We are already thinking ahead to next year's Reception Class, and will endeavour to offer tours of the school later this term. These tours are likely to involve very limited numbers of adult visitors to the school, all of whom will need to follow our hygiene and COVID-19 prevention procedures.

If you have a child, born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017, please do let us know, so we can add you to our Register of Interest and, if required, arrange a time for you to visit the school. Thank you.

### **Apple Watches**

We have noticed a small number of pupils wearing Apple watches to school. Please be aware that these are not permitted, due to the number of apps and functions they offer. Pupils who wear them to school will be asked to remove them and to give them to their teachers for storing with their mobile phones.

### **Bicycles and Scooters**

It is great to see so many children riding their bikes and scooters to school. We do have spaces available in our bike racks and scooter pods if you do not wish to carry them back home with you. There is no need to book a space, the children can simply use whichever spaces are free. We do ask that the children do not ride their bicycles or scooters through the staff car park, or along the path, in order to avoid accidents and collisions, and would be grateful if you would also remind your children of the need to ride safely and considerately on the roads and pavements around the school – thank you.

### **Communication**

In an attempt to return to some kind of normality, I will endeavour to provide a "COVID Update" at the start of these newsletters, before (hopefully!) moving onto more usual school issues. In this way, you should also get to hear about other parts of school life again!

I realise that the staggered starts and finishes, and the introduction of the one-way system, mean that parents are unable to have the quick, informal conversations with school staff that you are all used to having. At this time, it is necessary for us to continue with these practices, but I would like to remind you that staff are still accessible to you! Please do leave a message with the school office if you require a conversation or meeting with your child's teacher, or drop them a note if you simply need to update them on a minor issue. Staff will then call or email you to discuss your concern, and for the most urgent or serious issues, we will be able to arrange face to face meetings in school.

The class emails that were introduced during last year's school closure have now been archived, and will be re-activated in the event of a partial or full school closure in the future. Please use [office@leybourne.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@leybourne.kent.sch.uk) to make contact or, if you wish to contact me directly, [headteacher@leybourne.kent.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@leybourne.kent.sch.uk) ; thank you.

### **Long Hair!**

I would just like to take this opportunity to remind you that children with long hair should have it fully tied back, please. Unfortunately, COVID-19 is not the only thing we have to try to prevent the children from spreading in school, and headlice are a perpetual problem that we could all really live without at this time! Please do tie your children's hair back before sending them to school. Thank you.

### **Reception Class**

It was lovely to see our youngest children enjoying their taster sessions today. Miss Dale, Mrs Mitchell, Mrs Gibbs and Mrs Millar can't wait until they join us properly next week!

### **Secondary Transfer**

I would usually be inviting Year 5 and 6 parents into school to discuss Secondary Transfer at around this time. Obviously, this is not possible this year, but I will be hosting the following Zoom meetings if any parents would like information about the transition process. Please do email me at [headteacher@leybourne.kent.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@leybourne.kent.sch.uk) and I will then send you joining instructions.

Year 5	Wednesday September 23 <sup>rd</sup>	7:30pm
Year 6	Wednesday September 30 <sup>th</sup>	7:30pm

### **School Photographs**

A reminder that we will be having individual photographs taken on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. Siblings who attend school will be permitted to have their photographs taken together, and we have arranged timings to allow both our morning and afternoon Reception class children to be photographed. As I explained last week, I am afraid we are unable to offer to photograph pre-school siblings this year.

### **Star of the Week**

Congratulations to the following pupils whose hard work has been recognised by their teachers this week. Well done, and keep up the great work – we are all very proud of you!

Year 1	Grace G	Sophie N	
Year 2	Josh G	Cody H-S	Lucy O
Year 3	Olivia G	Alyssa O	
Year 4	Reece D	Isabella F	
Year 5	Chloe F	Luke F	
Year 6	Olivia D	Amy L-K	Gabriel N

I hope you all have a lovely weekend - thank you again for your support.

Kind regards

Tina Holditch