

LEYBOURNE SS PETER & PAUL C E PRIMARY ACADEMY



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Dear Parents

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope you all had an enjoyable and relaxing half term break. I am sure that this term will be a busy and challenging one in many ways, especially in light of the Prime Minister's announcement on Saturday regarding a second national lockdown.

I know this is a difficult time for everyone. The impact of lockdown will again be felt by us all, in a variety of ways and to greater or lesser extents. If you, or your children, are struggling as a result of these latest restrictions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us, and we will do all we can to support you.

However, from Thursday 4th November, when we enter the latest lockdown, school will be continuing as usual for all children.

I am so pleased that we are able to remain open for the children. It will be vitally important for them that we offer a sense of stability and continuity throughout this period, as their lives adapt to the restrictions outside of school.

As I have explained before, we are doing all we can in school to minimise the risk of transmitting the infection. Hand washing and sanitising are crucial, along with good respiratory hygiene and ventilation. We work hard to ensure that the children remain in their bubbles and do not mix.

It is also vitally important that parents and carers support us in our efforts to reduce risk at this time. We would therefore ask that you:

Please do NOT send your children to school if they, or a member of your household, have any possible symptoms of Covid-19. I know that it is frustrating if the children appear to be fine, but we really must insist that any children who have been in close contact with a suspected case follow the Government rules on isolation. I have included a Covid-19 symptoms flow chart at the end of this letter, for your reference.

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



If a child shows any Covid-19 symptoms, they cannot return to school without receiving a negative test.

If you are contacted by NHS Test and Trace (and your child was with you during contact with the person with Covid-19) you and your child must self-isolate for 14 days, even if either of you receive a negative test.

and

Please maintain social distancing at the school gate during drop off and collection times. In order to reduce the number of people on the premises, I would be very grateful if only **one adult** per family comes to the gate. This is not to be difficult, but again to reduce the number of adults in a confined space, and also to enable children and parents to move away from the gate quickly at the beginning and end of the day, avoiding holding up other children. Please do try not to linger at the gate, as it does cause a bit of a bottleneck. Thank you for your support and understanding.

Home Learning

Obviously, an increasing number of children will no doubt need to self-isolate in the coming weeks. 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. However, I must ask you to remember that the class teacher will be in school teaching the remainder of your child's class – and will therefore not be able to deliver a personalised learning programme for your child during their absence.

If your child is self-isolating, we would like them to follow the plan below, please:

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

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.

If your child is off school due to illness please be assured that we will not be expecting them to complete any home learning!

Dogs on Site

I am aware that some parents are now bringing dogs onto the school site. I am sure that this is because of the one way system, however, I must remind you that *dogs are not permitted anywhere on the school site*. This does include the car park, and also applies even if you are carrying your pet. Please either tie your dogs up outside the gates, or leave them at home or in the car if this is not an option for you. Thank you.

Poppy Appeal/ Remembrance Service

We would obviously like to support the Poppy Appeal this year, although this is not as straightforward as it has been in the past! In order to avoid the mixing of bubbles (who would ever have thought this would have been a consideration in the past?!), poppies will be on sale to individual classes on the following days:

Years 5 and 6	Tuesday November 3rd
Years 3 and 4	Wednesday November 4 th
Years 1 and 2	Thursday November 5 th
Reception	Friday November 6 th

In addition, parents and carers will be able to purchase poppies from the office staff at the Rectory Lane North exit each morning. You can also donate £2 by texting POPPY2, £5 by texting POPPY5 or £10 by texting POPPY10, all to 70545. Thank you for your support.

Due to the restrictions, I am afraid that we will not be able to have our usual whole school Remembrance Service at Church this year. However, please be assured that we will observe the traditional silence in school and Years 5 and 6 will attend a brief wreath laying ceremony at the War Memorial.

Kind regards

Tina Holditch

COVID SYMPTOMS AT HOME FLOW CHART

