

## **Arrangements for School Based Education for the Children of Critical Workers and Vulnerable Pupils**

**We have contacted all parents and carers providing them with the opportunity to advise us whether they believe they are eligible and wish to take up a place in school for their child.** You should have now received a text from school alerting you to the fact that a fulltime place is currently available. We have had a huge demand for places. Provision is now full.

We have offered fulltime places for the following reasons.

- It provides certainty for Critical Workers who need to know their needs can be met each day.
- It is safer for your children and our staff, as smaller bubbles are consistently the same every day, this ensures pupils mix, learn and play with the same people. Should anyone become ill with Corona Virus it ensures the minimum number of people are effected.
- The demand for places is huge at a large school like Lisle, we do not have the flexibility in staffing and space to change bubbles every day to ensure continuity of teaching and learning as well as to meet the remote learning needs of those at home.
- Maximum continuity for teaching and learning is maintained. Children and staff will know where they are. Provision is no longer childcare as it was in the March lockdown.

**School will re-open to all eligible families at 8.45 am on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January and will remain open as long as we are safely able to manage pupil numbers with our available staff.** Should it be necessary to close the school or close particular year group bubbles due to staffing shortages, Corona Virus or health and safety considerations, we will tell you, and you will need to source alternative provision from the Local Authority.

If you require additional childcare before or after these normal school opening times, you will need to contact the Lisle Marsden Childcare Centre on 311019. They will be able to help you to secure additional Childcare should you need it. Please note that fees continue to apply for this service for all parents.

It's very important that all parents full understand that this is not Childcare, like the original lockdown in March initially was. All children at school will be taking part in normal lessons and our full curriculum offer. As normal, we expect your full support with this, engaging children in homework, reading and other activities to help them to progress. We want all children to make maximum progress. Many children were educationally disadvantaged from the last lockdown school closure and many are still catching up. Maximum continuity is needed to help the children achieve this.

Just as normal, we will be expecting full 100% attendance unless your child is ill. It is important that we know exactly how many children are expected on site each day. So we will be expecting you to

tell us in the normal way if your child is ill, you are self-isolating etc. If your child does not attend we will be contacting you, as we do normally. We need accurate numbers of pupils attending each day to report to the government, as well as to determine our own safety ratios, and necessary staffing levels.

**Due to the huge demand for places your child may well not be taught by their normal class teacher for the duration of the lockdown. Two new class bubbles have been created within each Year group, and wherever possible, these new bubbles will be taught by teachers and TAs from your child's year group team. Class bubbles have been significantly reduced in size, this is a COVID-19 preventative measure and will enhance social distancing within each classroom.**

**Please be aware and fully understand and appreciate that we also have to provide, monitor and support remote learning for the hundreds of pupils at home. Staff will be working at school to teach critical key worker children and at home to support remote learning. Your child's bubble will therefore have two teachers, one for week 1 then another for week 2. This pattern will then be repeated. This will mean your child will only have two teachers working with them, and the continuity of the same teacher for 5 days at a time until the lockdown concludes. This may change should pupil numbers rise further if government begin to send other Year groups back to school like the summer term return to school.**

**You will very shortly be advised of your two lockdown teachers and supporting Teaching Assistants. Teachers will contact you directly through DoJo. All bubbles are now fixed and will not be changed. Dissatisfied parents will need to withdraw their child from Critical Key Worker provision if you are unhappy.**

Existing additional support for pupils with additional learning needs, and 1:1 support for EHCP pupils will continue as normal for specific pupils.

**You will be advised of your child's new bubble teachers ASAP via class DoJo and other specific information.**

### **Changes to the normal routines**

**The hot school meal service has again closed.**

- Your child will require a packed lunch each day for school.
- Children entitled to a free meal will no longer receive this in school, parents are expected to provide this from the hamper provided.
- Those entitled to an Infant Free School Meal (universal FSM for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) need to have a lunch ordered through the catering company in the normal way by you, but this is for a packed lunch only. This will be available to order for the 18<sup>th</sup> January. Until this time, you will need to provide your child with a packed lunch.

- **Those children who had ordered a hot school lunch for this week only will be provided with a school packed lunch for Thursday and Friday.** You may wish to provide your own, parents' choice.

You will need to send your child into school wearing their academy PE kit, on days advised by your bubble teachers as PE days.

Please continue to send your child with their own water bottle to school.

### **Social Distancing Measures**

To further protect our staff and minimize the risk to your children, stricter social distancing measures have been introduced to school with the reduction in bubble sizes.

This means that children will be working each day in smaller groups with children that they may not normally be taught with.

They may well be working in a different classroom.

**No parent will be allowed into the school building, only the academy entrance area can be accessed by parents/ visitors.** In the main entrance we expect all parents to strictly observe the social distancing protocols to protect staff and yourselves.

**The government are extremely worried about the greater transmission of the Corona Virus variant. We need all parents to take this very seriously when collecting and dropping off children. We need you to do your best to socially distance yourself at all times from other parents and children when on site, and not to allow children to mix together on the way to and from school, and on the playground after school.**

### **Dropping off/ Collecting Pupils/ Communication with School**

**The school site (gates) will be locked each day and only open to children and parents from 8.45 am.** Do not send your child to school/ arrive before this time. All children can be dropped off at school between **8.45am and 9.00am**. If you arrive after 9.00am you will be late and will need to enter school via the main entrance. The gates will be re-opened at 3.00pm.

### **EYFS Pupils**

These pupils will normally be taught in either Mrs. Watsons classroom or Miss. Wydall's classroom. Pupils will need to be handed over to parents at the EYFS pen metal gate entrance to staff, or Miss Wydall's Fire Door. You will be informed via DoJo of which entrance to use. Children will need collecting from the same place, between **3.00pm and 3.10pm**.

**Please observe 2m Social distancing protocols at all times whilst waiting to drop off/ collect your child.**

### **Year 1 Pupils**

These pupils will normally be taught together in class 1P – Miss Pykett’s classroom or in 1H, Miss Hughes’ classroom. Pupils will need to be handed over to staff at the classroom Fire doors in the morning and collected between 3.00pm and 3.10 pm each day from the same place. You will be informed via DoJo of which entrance to use. **Please observe 2m Social distancing protocols at all times.**

### **Year 2 Pupils**

These pupils will normally be taught/ cared for together in class 2L – Mrs. Leese’s classroom and 2K Mrs. Kitchen’s classroom. Pupils will need to be handed over to staff each morning/ end of school day at the cloakroom entrances/Fire doors to both these classrooms. Pupils will need to be collected between 3.10pm and 3.20 pm each day from the same place. You will be informed via DoJo of which entrance to use. **Please observe 2m Social distancing protocols at all times.**

### **Year 3 Pupils**

These pupils will continue to enter the academy each morning as they do now, via the Y4 cloakroom door. Where they will be met by staff at the door. Children will be taught in either Miss Sheasby’s or Mrs. Pyman’s classroom. Parents will need to collect children between 3.15pm and 3.20pm each day from the Y3 classroom Fire doors. You will be informed via DoJo of which entrance to use. **Please observe 2m Social distancing protocols at all times.**

### **Year 4 pupils**

These pupils will continue to enter the academy each morning as they do now, via the Y4 cloakroom door. Where they will be met by staff at the door. Children will be taught in either Miss Muir’s or Miss MacDougall’s classrooms. Parents will need to collect children between 3.15pm and 3.20pm each day from Miss Muir’s Fire exit or the Y4 cloakroom door. You will be informed via DoJo of which entrance to use. **Please observe 2m Social distancing protocols at all times**

### **Year 5 Pupils**

These pupils will continue to enter the academy each morning as they do now, via the Y5 New block cloakroom doors. Where they will be met by staff at the door. Children will be taught in either Miss Clarke’s or Mrs. Dodd’s classroom. Parents will need to collect children between 3.15pm and 3.20pm each day from either the Y5 block fire door (Miss Clarke’s normal door) or Mrs. Dodds Fire exit. Children allowed to walk home on their own will continue to be released on to the playground at 3.20pm. You will be informed via DoJo of which entrance to use. **Please observe 2m Social distancing protocols at all times.**

### **Year 6 Pupils**

These pupils will continue to enter the academy each morning as they do now, via the Y5 block cloakroom doors. Children will need collecting as they are now at 3.20pm on the KS2 playground. Children walking home on their own will be released on to the playground at 3.20pm. Children will be taught in Y6 classrooms. **Please observe 2m Social distancing protocols at all times.**

### **Communication**

New bubble teachers will join your normal class DoJo group. You will be able to communicate with them as you do now through Class DoJo.