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Following the government's lifting of restrictions on 17 May 2021 there is some relaxation to the rules that we are expected to follow. However, recent news reports about the new Indian variant are concerning and we have all been asked to exercise caution in our response to this.

Currently at Langdon, and for the foreseeable future, we ask that parents continue to follow the rules that we have put in place in order to protect you, your children, your wider families and our staff. As the national picture becomes clearer in the next few weeks we will be able to look at our measures that are in place and decide whether we are going to maintain or change them but they have been instrumental in ensuring that our school has had very few incidents of Covid-19 and we would like it to stay that way!

We thank you for the following:

- Maintaining 2m distancing from others when arriving on and departing from school premises
  - Wearing a face covering when on the school site
- Ensuring that you or your child takes a PCR Covid Test if you or they show any of the three main symptoms
- That you follow isolation rules if you are awaiting results of the PCR test and/or symptomatic
- For your continued patience when we ask you to get a test for a child that has symptoms in order to rule out the possibility of a positive Covid case that may affect the school

Following some confusion this week and to clarify, there are two types of Covid test that people can now access. I have checked the guidance about which should be used and when, so I hope the following will help:

**Lateral Flow Test (LFD)** This test is primarily used for mass testing of people who do not have symptoms. It gives a result in 30 minutes which you receive on the device; you do not have to send this test to a laboratory for analysis. This test is available to anyone who lives in a household with a child in school or is in regular close contact with them eg. because of a child-care support bubble, to use twice a week. You can pick them up from local test centres and after administration must have results logged on the government website <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>

**PCR Test** This test is used for individuals who have symptoms. This test has to be sent to a laboratory for analysis. If a PCR test is used, until a negative result is received there is a requirement for individuals, members of their households and close contacts to isolate at home.

If your child has one of the three main symptoms - a cough, fever or loss of taste or smell - then you will have to organise that they take a PCR test and that they isolate at home until a negative result is received. We cannot have children in school if they are symptomatic. Please support us in doing this if we request it; it is for the protection of the whole school community. Please be aware that if your child has a PCR test and they have travelled to school with another family, particularly if they have travelled in a car with that family, all members of that group will have to isolate at home and not attend school. Please also be aware that a LFD result cannot be accepted as proof of a negative Covid test if your child is symptomatic.

## Relationships and Health Education

From this year, all children in primary school will be taught Relationships and Health Education. The government has decided that this is important in order that children grow up healthy, happy, safe and able to manage the challenges and opportunities of modern Britain and so have made this a compulsory subject in schools. The activities and lessons are designed to help equip children with the knowledge to make informed decisions about their well-being, health and relationships as well as preparing them for a successful adult life.

### What is Relationships Education?

Relationships Education will put in place the building blocks needed for positive and safe relationships, including with family, friends and online. Your child will be taught what a relationship is, what friendships are, what family means and who can support them. Your child will cover how to treat each other with kindness, consideration and respect. By the end of primary school, pupils will have been taught content on:

- Families and people who care for me
  - Caring friendships
  - Respectful relationships
  - Online relationships
    - Being safe

### What is Health Education?

Health Education aims to give your child the information they need to make good decisions about their own health and well-being, to recognise issues in themselves and others and to seek support as early as possible when issues arise. By the end of primary school, pupils will have been taught content on:

- Mental well-being
- Physical health and fitness
  - Healthy eating
- Facts and risks associated with drugs, alcohol and tobacco
  - Health and prevention
    - Basic first aid
  - Changing adolescent bodies
  - Internet safety and harms

The work that we do in school will compliment the work that you do as parents in teaching your child about healthy relationships, looking after themselves and staying safe.

### Are we covering Sex Education?

All schools have to teach science content from the National Curriculum related to the parts of the human body, puberty and the changing adolescent body and reproduction in animals and humans. At the current time, our staff have not chosen to teach sex education beyond this statutory content.

### Is there a Right to Withdraw my child from Relationships and Health Education?

You cannot withdraw your child from Relationships and Health Education because it is important that all children receive this content, covering important topics such as friendships and how to stay safe. Parents cannot withdraw their children from the Science content of the National Curriculum focussing on human bodies, development and change, including reproduction, either.

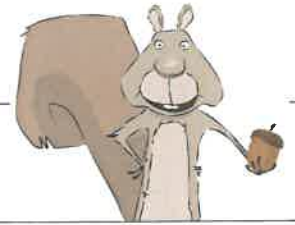
All schools are required to consult with parents on the teaching of Relationships and Health Education. We invite parents to express their opinions about our policy for this subject. To help you with this, I am including a link to our policy and to our draft Progression Map which outlines the content we will cover in this subject and which lessons it may be taught in. Please follow the links, have a read and then email or write any thoughts, questions or concerns you may have to me for consideration. This will help us to work out whether our plan reflects the true context of our school or whether we need to make changes to ensure this is the case.

The link to the Relationships and Health Education draft policy can be found at:

<https://www.langdonprimaryschool.co.uk/our-school/policies/>

The link to the Relationships and Health Education draft progression map, outlining the teaching content for each year group can be found at:

<https://www.langdonprimaryschool.co.uk/curriculum/>



### NEW STAFF

I am delighted to inform you that we have appointed a new teacher to work with us next year at Langdon whilst Miss Langley takes maternity leave. Miss Katie Warburton will be the new teacher joining the team. Miss Warburton is a newly qualified teacher who impressed us at interview and with her teaching in Year 3/4.

As we move into the next year, we are faced with class groups that will have too many children for our current structure so will be more mixed. Whichever class your child is in, the teachers are skilled at ensuring that the children continue to make progress, to attain highly for their age and that they have sufficient challenge or support in order to do well in their learning. For some children, they may have an opportunity to work with a teacher that they have bonded well with for an additional year or be able to access time with a class that will either support their learning or offer challenge if they are currently achieving very highly. Full details of which class your child is in will be shared with you in Term 6.

The class structure for next year will be as follows:

Year R/1	Mrs Seccatore	Mrs Trenchard
Year 1/2/3	Mrs Keem	Mrs Harris
Year 3/4	Miss Warburton	Mrs Capell
Year 4/5/6	Mr Jones	Mrs Britton

Mrs Newton will continue to work with Year 5 and 6 and to teach music in the Key Stage Two classes. Because Miss Warburton is a new teacher, Mrs Paylor Sutton will teach a morning a week in Year 3/4 to allow for Miss Warburton's protected time to engage in activities to help her develop as a teacher.

### BREAKFAST CLUB SURVEY

Thank you for your support for Breakfast Club which is looking rather more healthy, in terms of numbers attending, than it did before the pandemic. We are keen to understand how we can develop Breakfast Club so that it meets your needs and so that we can make it sustainable. A survey is attached to this newsletter and it would be great if parents could complete the survey and return it to us before the end of this term for our consideration. If you require a paper copy, please ask.





## WELCOME REVEREND KAZ

In the last couple of weeks it has been a real pleasure to welcome Reverend Kaz Reeves to the school. Reverend Kaz joins the parish as Priest in Charge at St Margaret's and East Langdon and the children have already had a chance to meet her and her gorgeous beagle puppy, Kallie who she brought into school this week. Reverend Kaz is keen to build relationship with the Langdon School community, regardless of whether you have a Christian faith, another faith or no faith at all. I can tell you that she is a real people person and is keen to meet and talk to everyone. Over the coming weeks Kaz will be in school meeting the children and talking to them about Kallie, about her work and taking the chance to find out all about the children. If you see her around school please say hello, she would be delighted to meet some mums, dads and other family members too.

### THE WEATHER!

Although it really is May, it currently feels a lot cooler and there are many unexpected showers during the course of the day. Please ensure that your child has a suitable coat in school at all times. We always go outdoors, regardless of the weather, and some children have been a bit chilly because they do not have an outer layer to put on.

### SUNFLOWERS

Thank you to everyone who has planted sunflower seeds and then brought the emerging plants into school. Mr Sear has planted them along the school field fence for support and they are growing really well. Hopefully, after the half term break we will have some amazing, tall flowers heralding in the summer.



**LEARNING AND PROGRESS MEETINGS** Please book your appointment via School Cloud (letters were sent out with the web address last week via email) **BEFORE** Monday 24 May 2021. Bookings made after Sunday 23 May 2021 will not necessarily be picked up by staff once they are in meetings with other parents.

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

Date	Event	Time
10.5.21	Year 5/6 Bikeability course - Monday to Thursday	
14.5.21	Tempest Photography - Class photographs	
18.5.21	Full Governing Body Meeting	3.30pm-5.30pm
24.5.21	Learning and Progress Meetings	9.00am-6.00pm
28.5.21	End of Term 5	3.00pm/3.15pm
7.6.21	Beginning of Term 6	
9.6.21	Westside road closure - installation of new Broadband cabling	
15.6.21	New Year R Transition Day 1	1.45pm-3.00pm
1.7.21	Year 7 Transition Day - Year 6 pupils to attend new schools TBC in light of restrictions	
8.7.21	Music Concert TBC in light of restrictions Open Evening TBC in light of restrictions	1.30pm-2.30pm 2.30pm-5.00pm
9.7.21	KS2 End of Year Production TBC in light of restrictions	6.30pm
12.7.21	Sports Day TBC in light of restrictions	
13.7.21	Full Governing Body Meeting	3.30pm-5.30pm
14.7.21	Reserve Sports Day (in case of bad weather)	
21.7.21	Leaver's Assembly TBC in light of restrictions End of Term 6	9.30am 2.00pm

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## **Breakfast Club Survey 2021**

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|---|---|-------|---|---|---|----|
| 1 | Do you currently use Breakfast Club?                | Yes   |   |   |   | No |
| 2 | If yes, how many times a week on average            | 1     | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5  |
| 3 | How many children do you have that attend the club? | _____ |   |   |   |    |
| 3 | Does your child have breakfast at the club?         | Yes   |   |   |   | No |
| 4 | Have you any thoughts about the breakfast on offer? | Yes   |   |   |   | No |

Please write any comments here:

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|---|--|-----|--|--|--|----|
| 5 | Are you happy with the time that Breakfast Club opens? | Yes |  |  |  | No |
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Please write any comments here:

- 6 Breakfast Club currently costs £3.00 per day. Is this charge:

Too much

Just right

Too little

- 7 If you chose too much or too little, what do you think is the ideal price for Breakfast Club per day?

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- 8 Are there any other thoughts that you have about the Breakfast Club that you would like us to consider?

Please write any comments here: