



"All Learning Together"

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Dear Parents,

What a year it has been! It seems a long time ago when we were all in school together and running school as normal. However, we have certainly tried to make the best of the situation here at Langton and I have been immensely proud of our whole school community. Staff have been prepared to work so hard to tackle our school days in a different way. Emails and telephone calls and a few socially distanced face-to-face meetings have helped us to stay in contact and teachers have been delighted with all the hard work that went on at home and for half the school, home learning has continued until today. A massive well done to parents and children alike for your perseverance and hard work. The children who have returned to school have dealt with the changes admirably. It has been a particularly special time for us to spend the last few weeks with our Year 6 leavers who are moving on today from Langton. I wish them all well. I have very high hopes for this smashing group of children who are leaving us as kind, thoughtful, happy and well-rounded young people.

Return to School - September 2020

My thoughts now are turning to the planning for our next academic year. The plan as it stands at the moment is that we will be able to welcome all pupils back to school in September. When children are inside the school building, they will be kept in class bubbles. When children are outside for playtimes, we will have two outside bubbles – Derwent and Foss Class together, and Ouse and Rye Class together. To minimise larger groups of people gathering, we will continue with staggered start and finish times although there will now just be two different times.

Derwent & Foss (EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2) start time 8.45am, pick up 3.15pm
Ouse & Rye (Year 3, 4, 5 and 6) – start time 9.00am, finish time 3.30pm

As from September, we will be resuming Monday to Friday school days. The only exception to this has already been communicated to our new EYFS parents. If your child is starting school with us in September in Reception, you should have received an email this week informing you of your child's transition day. Please let us know if you have not received this information.

Parents who want to see their children onto the school site are welcome to come through the top gate and wait on top play. This will avoid having to be on the pavement/in the road as has been the case. For those of you who are able to, especially those with older children, if you can drop off your child without the need to come onto the school site, that would be helpful. As it stands at the moment, parents will not be allowed to enter school so we will put a box outside the front door for any letters or message for Mrs Conroy, Mrs Ray or class teachers. Do continue to use email as your main source of communication where possible. I know that this later time especially for older children may be inconvenient for those of you who need to go to work. We will move our start times back to normal as soon as we are able dependent upon the coronavirus, but we appreciate your support with this in the meantime.

Head teacher: Mrs Rachel Ray
Chair of Governors: Mr Howard Widdall

Creates opportunity



Releases potential



Achieves excellence

Wraparound Care

I understand that many parents are reliant on our wraparound care provision. We will therefore be resuming wraparound care from the start of next term. However, current guidance states that although class sizes can exceed 15, any form of wraparound care, including clubs, must not exceed 15 pupils. To enable us to be able to offer as many places as possible, we will have an EYFS/Key Stage 1 Bubble run by Mrs Cuthbertson in the After-School Club room and a Key Stage 2 Bubble run by Mrs Cogger based in the Hall. We will also be resuming Mr Cairns' Sports Clubs. He will run a club on Monday until 4.15pm for children in Key Stage 1 and sports clubs on Wednesday and Thursday for children in Key Stage 2. There will also be an additional club on a Tuesday run by a member of the teaching staff. Mrs Conroy will send out details of this in the first week of term. As I suspect we may have higher demand than we have places, we will offer the places in the first instance to children of key workers. We will then inform our other families if there are places left. If at this stage, you know you will be requiring some wraparound care, and you are a key worker, please email Sam so we can start to gauge requirements. We will formulate a waiting list from this information. With all of these arrangements, I appreciate it is not all ideal. Therefore, we will be so reliant on your good will and understanding.

School Meals

Mrs Goodwill will recommence hot school meals from September. There will be two sittings and the hall will be cleaned thoroughly between them.

I am delighted that all our staff team will be back in full force in September and we have not had to say goodbye to any of our staff at the end of this year. Mrs Vicky Cuthbertson will be spending a little bit more time at Langton as on top of her After School Club role, she will also be joining our fantastic team of Teaching Assistants and will be working mainly with EYFS and Key Stage 1. We have plans over the Summer holidays to develop our school environment further. Our main corridor is going to be painted which will make an enormous difference and Mr Kitson has a long list of jobs to keep him busy! I will be in school quite a lot over the Summer holidays as there is a lot of work to be done to ensure that our return to school is safe and happy. I have no doubt that there will be an awful lot of updates coming through over the next few weeks. Please rest assured that if we have to make any major changes to the arrangements outlined in this letter, I will notify you before the term resumes. Next year will also see staff continuing to work to develop our school curriculum and look out too for a new Newsletter format which is such an important way that we share school news, events and successes.

I wish you all the very best and hope you have a good Summer. I hope we will see a little bit more sunshine and we all return to school refreshed and ready for the next academic year.

With very best wishes,

Rachel Ray
Headteacher