

LOWTON WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Thank you for all your continued support and understanding in what has been a difficult few months.

As you will be aware the Government has now issued guidance to schools to enable us to plan a full opening from September 2020. Again this has been a huge task to prepare for. However, we are delighted that we will be in a position to welcome all our children back to school in September. As always, the health and wellbeing of the school community is our main priority.

Also attached to this email you will find an important document which outlines our current plan for September (**'Plan for opening of school in September'**) and we strongly encourage all parents to read this in detail. We hope that this will answer many of the questions you may have regarding your child's return to school for the new academic year.

The plan will be reviewed on an ongoing basis and is subject to change (as needed).

We would suggest that you discuss any of the details you feel are relevant with your child to help them in their transition to their new class. Our main priority in September will be ensuring that all children settle back into school life and feel safe, secure and happy in their new classes.

As from September, all of the children will be placed into year group bubbles which will be named as follows:

Reception children – Bubble R
Year 1 children – Bubble 1
Year 2 children – Bubble 2
Year 3 children – Bubble 3
Year 4 children – Bubble 4
Year 5 children – Bubble 5
Year 6 children – Bubble 6

Each bubble will not be allowed to mix with other bubbles. The bubbles have staggered start and finish times and all details can be found in the attached **'Plan for the opening of school in September'**.

Please do not worry if you are not sure about exactly where to drop off and collect on the first day. We will ensure that there is good signage around school and staff will be on hand to direct parents with the new systems as needed. There will be a considerably reduced number of parents using the school path at one time which will greatly assist with social distancing.

Lunchtimes will be different as all children will be eating their lunch in their classroom (tables are always cleaned before and after eating). Initially, school lunches will be in the form of a sandwich bag which will include a choice of sandwich; a savoury snack (e.g. cheese whirl; sausage roll; pizza); cake or biscuit; piece of fruit. We will be sending out a survey on School Spider to find out which parents would like to order a school lunch for their child. Parents may choose to send their child with their own packed lunch into school instead. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will receive free school meals (as part of the 'Universal free school meals' initiative). Pupils eligible for free school meals will continue to receive a free school lunch. This will all be kept under review.

As we approach the summer holiday, please be aware that we may still need to respond to any changes in guidance over the summer period. We therefore ask that you check your emails from school throughout the summer break.

Thank you once again for the support and good wishes we regularly receive from families.

We wish you all a happy and safe summer break.

Yours sincerely

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