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Lionwood Junior School Whole School Newsletter

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Lionwood Junior



Here is information about a few of the things that you might be concerned about.

Please note that this is new to us all, and although we have thought long and hard, and followed all the guidance available—we may have not considered the odd thing—so please continue to read everything carefully and then email info@ljs@istnorfolk.co.uk with any queries.

Attendance

We understand that some parents and children may be feeling anxious about the return to school after such a long time and while the pandemic is still ongoing. As a school, we empathise with these feelings and know that many questions about the virus remain unanswered.

We want to do what we are trained and paid to do - to educate and care for your children, and are incredibly mindful about our duty to keep them as physically and emotionally safe as possible. For this reason we have fully implemented all the measures required by the government as well as requiring face coverings.

The government has stated that all children on roll MUST attend school from the beginning of term.

We want to support families as much as we can at this time, so will be putting in a structured programme of support for emotional health through the PSHE programme, as well as academic 'catch-up' interventions and pastoral support.

If you are worried about any medical issues (including mental health concerns) your child may have, we strongly urge you to contact your GP so they can advise you and then talk to us about how we can support your child's needs.

School Dinners

We are able to offer Hot and Cold options for School Dinners (please see menu attached).

Children can also bring in home lunches which will be kept in the classroom.

Due to the restrictions around mixing year groups we cannot use the School Hall, so our caterers, Norse will provide sandwiches in paper bags as normal and hot dinners in compostable containers.

These will be picked up by the staff, wearing gloves and masks, and delivered to the classes. All the waste will be returned to the kitchen.

Those parents who wish to pay for a School Dinner—need to do so in the normal way for the moment, by sending in money or cheque in a named envelope, stating the days paid for.

We are aiming to move to an online system as soon as possible.

I have attached the menu with this newsletter—for further information go to:

<https://norsecatering.co.uk/primary-school-catering/>

School Uniform

School uniform can be bought from Stevensons, 67 Ber Street, Norwich NR1
Uniform is available to buy online or by making an appointment to visit the shop.

Go to <https://www.stevensons.co.uk/Schools/lionwood-junior-school-norwich/398>

Walkways and Entrances

We have put up a great deal of signage and markings to help parents and children to keep to specified areas and walkways. We ask that you keep to these areas at all times to limit the spread of the virus. We ask that only one adult accompany a Year 3 or 4 child onto the site and that all parents of Year 5's and 6's remain outside the school gates.

Staff will be at the gates at drop off and pick up times.

Face Coverings

All visitors and parents coming on to the site, who are medically able, are asked to wear a face covering and to keep 2 metre distance from people not in their household.

As we know, face masks do not completely prevent the spread of the virus but they may add some protection if used correctly.

We do not encourage children to wear face masks in school as they can be taken off and cause heightened risk by contact with surfaces etc.

Staff will wear masks when meeting visitors.

If you have any concerns—please contact the school.

Assemblies

We are not able to gather children together as a whole school, so Year Group or Class assemblies will take place. We will use online resources and zoom calls to connect as a whole school.

Home Learning in the Case of a COVID 19 outbreak or lockdown

Thank you to all who have filled in the online questionnaire about Home Learning—it has been really useful and with help us plan to meet the differing needs of the children and parents of Lionwood. We really would appreciate it if everyone could fill it in so that we have a full picture of need.

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Thank you for your support

Breakfast Club

The Breakfast Club is opening on **Monday 7th September** and it will be open every weekday from 8am in morning from then on.

If you would like to book a place —please email the school at info@istnorfolk.co.uk

We will be continuing to ask you to give payment to the Braekfast Club staff (cash or cheque) until we get the online system up and running.



Lionwood After-School Club (no other clubs will run after school)

Lionwood After-School Club for Lionwood Infant and Junior Schools' children based at Lionwood Infant and Nursery School will be opening on **Monday 14th September** . If you have not contacted the school and wish to be registered —please email info@istnorfolk.co.uk.