

5 June 2020

Dear Parents

Everyone at LLMAT wants to express sincere thanks to our whole school community, children, parents, staff and governors, for the positive way everyone has worked together during the global Covid-19 crisis. I am sure that it is due to everyone being so understanding and co-operative that the return of Year 6 this week has gone so smoothly.

All of our schools have been happy and calm places for children to learn. Staff have again been amazing in keeping children safe in their new 'bubbles' and the children have done their very best to socially distance. The children have enjoyed seeing their friends again even though this has been a different experience from what they are used to. The extensive cleaning programme has gone well and each school is as spotless as possible. Thank you for supporting your school so well because the staggered drop-offs and pick-ups have also contributed to everyone feeling safe.

If your child is in Year 6 and has not returned to school, this is still very much your option when you are confident enough to give school a try. Please give your child's school 24 hours' notice and have a go at coming to school if you think this is good for your family. Each school is open for the full week for Year 6 from now on.

We still totally support parents in making the best decision for their own family. Every parent must do what they are confident to do as we start this important return to school.

Now to Year 1. I know that your Headteachers have been preparing with you for the return of our Year 1 children next week from Tuesday 9 June in each of our schools. **We would be grateful if you could let your child's school have 24 hours' notice before sending them back to school.**

On Monday 8 June, our Year 1 teams will ensure they are fully familiar with the health and safety requirements and risk assessments, so that that their classrooms are safe for each bubble. Please do let school know if you want your Year 1 child to come to school next week, so that we can make sure you are clear about your child's start and finish time, their bubble classroom and their teachers.

On the evening of Wednesday 10 June, we shall review the return in each school so far and put in any other measures that will help more children return safely. This week's measures have been very effective. Our next review will focus on the safest way to help our Reception children come back. We look forward to sharing our plans with you.

I reiterate the message of last week because this is really important to all of us:

We are really aware that children have very different reactions to this pandemic. For some children, this significant amount of change will make them feel some anxieties about their return to school. Staff will listen and hear what your child says and if we feel that any child needs extra support during this difficult life period then we will make every effort to source this. Please do let teachers or the Headteacher know if you think this could be your child as this is extremely important to us all.

Please do be in touch about any questions or queries you may have. Take care and keep safe!

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