

Monday 12th October 2020



Dear Parents

I would like to begin by thanking you all for your support of the school as we find our way through this new normal. Thank you for supporting the little 'tweaks' which we have had to put in place each week to ensure that our children and communities are kept safe and that the school runs as smoothly as possible.

Back in the summer we shared our risk assessments with you and informed you that we would continue to review them. We are writing to you to let you know of some changes to our procedures and ask for your support with this. The updated risk assessment can be found here [Parent Risk Assessment October 2020](#)

School's are naturally a place where parents need to communicate with members of staff and doing this in a pandemic presents risks and challenges. We have seen an ever increasing number of adult face-to-face interactions for our staff as the term progresses, not just with colleagues in the classroom but with parents passing on messages at the start and end of the day.

Having reviewed our risk assessment, and in an effort to protect all adults in this changing climate, we are asking that from tomorrow Tuesday 13th October, parents or children over the age of 12 wear face coverings when they drop and collect their child either at the the gate (KS1) or as they come onsite through the school gates (KS2). We appreciate that some people are exempt from wearing face coverings and know it is important to make sure that members of our community are not judged in a negative way if they are unable to wear one.

You will also notice that from tomorrow, members of staff will also be wearing masks at the beginning and end of the day. These will be removed once children are in their normal bubbles.

Under normal circumstances we welcome the informal conversations with parents as this helps us to have a better understanding of the children in our care as well as addressing any concerns as soon as they arise. However, in the current climate, please can we remind parents to try to contact school staff via the admin email - thurlestone@lapsw.org or the class emails to book telephone appointments, as necessary, for conversations. Where possible, this will enable teachers to be prepared with information and provide a proper confidential environment to discuss individual children as well as reducing the risk of transmission.

Like you, we long for the day when school can go back to normal. However in this time of the pandemic we feel that it is right to take every precaution to protect the pupils, staff and community. This is why we thank you, in advance for your support and partnership working.

Thank you for your continued support

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'L. Garside'.

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