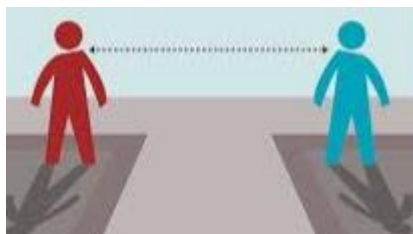


Dear Parents and Carers,

INTRODUCTION OF RECEPTION & YEAR 1 GROUPS — This week we have welcomed back children from Year 1 and Reception into school. Both the entry and exit systems we have in place have allowed for parents and children to socially distance from one another, and we respectfully ask that parents maintain the 2 metre distance when waiting. The key worker groups have expanded this week and are due to increase yet again from Monday 15th June. The procedures we have in place are working well, but the instability in numbers means that we have to delay the return to school for our Year 6 pupils whilst we review our plans.



SOCIAL DISTANCING OUTSIDE SCHOOL - For the safety of pupils, parents and staff in our school, we have procedures and measures in place to maintain as much social distancing as is possible in a primary classroom. We ask that parents continue to follow the rules regarding social distancing as set out by the government in order to protect the entire school community from Covid-19. To ensure that children respect the rules of social distancing in the community, we ask that all children are escorted to and from school by an adult. There may be exceptional circumstances where an older child may need to walk home unsupervised. Please contact Mrs Dunkley or Mrs Hustler if your child has no option but to walk home alone. Some Year 6 children would usually begin to walk home from school by themselves as they prepare for their transition to high school. As we are living in exceptional circumstances, we would prefer that children are still supervised on their journeys to and from school by an adult/carer from **their own household or support bubble from next week**. We may have to review a child's place in school if social distancing rules are not being adhered to outside of school putting members of our school community at risk of contracting Covid-19.



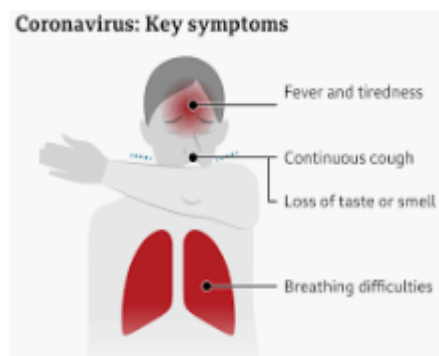
STAGGERED TIMINGS — Staggered timings are working well, and by being on time for drop-offs and pick-ups, we are managing to avoid congestion on the playground. Please be aware of gas works being planned for week commencing 22nd June on Leeds Road which may cause some disruption. Please try to adjust your journey times to account for this.



OFFICE — We would like to thank parents for making good use of the drop off box outside the office and appreciate the contact being made via email (preferably) or telephone whilst the building is not open to parents and visitors. Please refer to the 'Return to School' booklet for what to do with forgotten items or if medication is needing to be administered. If children arrive after the gate is locked parents will need to go to the office to sign in and hand over their child. There is only space for 1 adult and their child at the inner office window, therefore you may need to queue outside at a safe distance until someone leaves. You may need to wait quite a while as all adults in class will be involved in initial hand washing with the children in the groups and will not be available straight away to collect your child from the office. To ensure that arrival and pick up times run as smoothly as possible for everyone, it is essential that people arrive on time. If you know that you are going to be late please contact the office. If we are expecting your child at school but they are unwell and will not be attending, please ring and leave a message by 9am on every day that they are absent.



HEALTH — Please monitor your child's health. We shall not be taking the temperatures of each child and parents must keep their child at home if they display any of the Covid-19 symptoms and follow the isolation guidance. No-one should come onto the school grounds if they have any of the Covid-19 symptoms. Often parents send their child to school if they feel a little unwell in the hope that they will feel better later. In these circumstances, please keep your child at home. If your child begins to be unwell whilst at school, we expect that parents are easily contactable and will collect them straight away. If any of your contact details have changed recently, please inform the office as soon as possible.



STAFF ABSENCES — As we have reached capacity in terms of staffing, it is important to make parents aware that if a teacher leading a group becomes unwell, whether due to Covid symptoms or not, we will have to close their bubble until we are able to re-staff it. Please note that this may be at very short notice.

HOME LEARNING — It is important for all parents to understand that **all** available teaching staff are now working with children in school. This means that teachers' telephone and email contact will be less frequent but home learning will continue to be set for all children still learning at home.

NUMBERS OF CHILDREN IN SCHOOL — Many parents were able to make a decision for their child when asked at the end of May if they wanted their child to return to school. Since then, some parents have changed their mind and after being given notice, we have been able to provide a place for their child in the eligible groups. We have now reached our capacity for Reception and Year 1 classes and cannot accept any more children in these groups. Increasing numbers of vulnerable and key worker children have meant that an additional group has had to be created to provide places for children in this priority group. Already we are close to capacity in these groups. Any parent who requests a place in these groups must provide confirmation from their employers that they are a critical key worker and unfortunately we may not have space for everyone. Today we had 106 children in school, which is due to increase next week.



RETURNING TO SCHOOL - We have been very impressed with how the children have shown resilience by adapting to their new situation. It has been a pleasure to see smiling faces as children arrive at school in the morning. Thank you to parents for your efforts in preparing your child/ren for their return.



PUPIL CERTIFICATES - Over the coming weeks, children at school will be receiving e-certificates as part of our Lightcliffe 7 Peaks Challenge to reward their fantastic behaviour and attitude to returning to school. Every child will receive the first certificate as an acknowledgement of their achievement of returning to school and following the new systems. Thereafter, they will be challenged to gain an increasing number of points which will enable them to climb up mountains of increasing height: 5 points = peak 2, 10 more points = peak 3, 20 more points = peak 4, and so on, until they have reached the top of peak 7, Mount Everest. Attached is a copy of the map of the peaks we are using for our challenge if you wish to print out the certificates and make a display with the map at home.



LUNCHES — Parents of Reception & Year 1 children, please ensure that you complete the sandwich choice for your child when you receive the electronic form. If you have indicated that you are providing your own child's lunch, you do **not** need to complete the form. We are aiming to be able to make this offer to Key Worker children in Year 2 from Monday 22nd June. Despite finishing the school at an earlier time on Friday, children will have their lunch before they leave, which means all children bringing a packed lunch to school will still need to bring one on Friday.

VISITORS' TOILETS — As the school building is closed to everyone except staff, children and essential maintenance, parents and toddlers will not be able to enter school premises to use the toilet.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS - If your work circumstances have changed, and you think you may now be entitled to Free School Meals vouchers, please let the school office know via email (even if your child is in Reception or KS1 and automatically receiving the Universal Infant Free School Meals government initiative).



EMAILS TO TEACHERS - Many families have been sharing home learning with teachers via email. This has been an efficient method of contact between school and families so far and we encourage this practice if your child is learning from home. Once again it is important to stress that most teachers will be working with children in school and so contact will be much less frequent.



WELLBEING — Please continue to look at the Wellbeing folder in the Learning From Home section of our website to find out what services are available to children and parents in the local area. We are also continuing to add resources to the 'Wellbeing resources for children' folder that you may find useful. Please also refer to previous Snapshots for information about agencies that are offering support and advice about online safety.



SHARE YOUR CONCERNS - If you have any safeguarding or wellbeing concerns, please use the Red Button on the school website to report the issue. Concerns will be sent directly to a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

RESPONDING TO CHANGING CIRCUMSTANCES — Since schools closed on March 20th, we have been planning, assessing and reviewing every stage of this process following government's guidance and advice from Trust leaders and Calderdale Local Authority. People's health, safety and wellbeing has been at the heart of every decision made - even the unpopular ones. We sympathise with people's positions and share in your disappointments, especially when circumstances beyond our control dictates the next stage in this process.



We would like to acknowledge the messages of thanks we have been receiving from parents, and we take comfort in the strength and resolve of our amazing Lightcliffe team as we work together to provide education (and handwashing) to our wonderful pupils.

Kindness...Koinonia...Respect ...Resilience — It has been fantastic to see how everyone's actions have demonstrated a commitment to our key Christian values.

Take care...stay safe.

Kate Dunkley & Adelle Hustler
Acting Co-Headteachers

Tallest Mountain on Each Continent

NORTH AMERICA

Denali

Alaska, USA
Elevation: 6,194 m
(20,322 ft)

EUROPE

Elbrus

Russia
Elevation: 5,642 m
(18,510 ft)

ASIA

Everest

Nepal and China
(Tibet Autonomous Region)
Elevation: 8,848 m
(29,029 ft)

SOUTH AMERICA

Aconcagua

Mendoza Province, Argentina
Elevation: 6,961 m
(22,837 ft)

AFRICA

Kilimanjaro

Tanzania
Elevation: 5,895 m
(19,341 ft)

AUSTRALIA

Kosciuszko

New South Wales,
Australia
Elevation: 2,228 m
(7,310 ft)

ANTARCTICA

Vinson Massif

Ellsworth Mountains
Elevation: 4,892 m
(16,050 ft)