

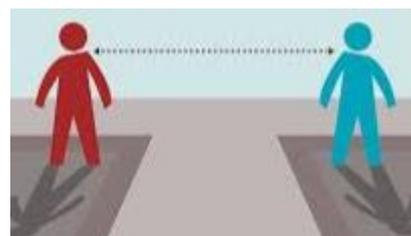
Dear Parents and Carers,

What is becoming apparent in our time as acting co-headteachers is that we cannot please all the people all the time — but that doesn't stop us from trying.

**"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."  
Galatians 6:9**

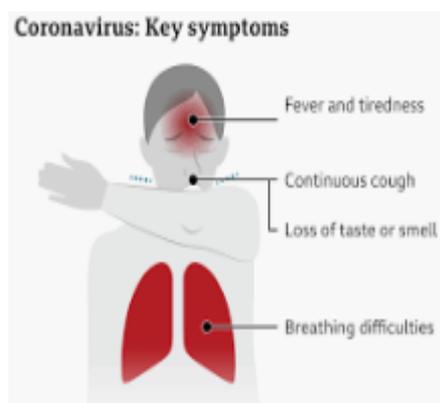
**DELAYS TO WIDER REOPENING** - As previously stated, we are unable to accept any further pupils for Reception and Year 1 and our reduced staffing capability does not allow for further expansion in most Key Worker groups. We have had to delay opening to Year 6, as we are not able to staff any other groups in school. We continue to consider the options available to us for Year 6 returning before the end of the term. We sympathise with the position of all pupils and parents who we are not able to accommodate in school. We would if we could!

**SOCIAL DISTANCING ON SCHOOL PREMISES** - We ask that parents maintain social distancing by keeping pupils' siblings close by whilst waiting for pick-up times, and leave the exit areas clear for parents and children to leave the school site. Please note: the picnic tables outside are not in use - they are being used purely to section off areas of the playground.



**STAGGERED TIMINGS & ROADWORKS** - 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 22<sup>nd</sup> June on Leeds Road which may cause some disruption. Please try to adjust your journey times to account for this.

**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. If a child displays any of the Covid-19 symptoms at home, please contact school. Anyone with symptoms is eligible for testing. Please contact NHS 111 online service for details of booking a test. Once parents receive the results, we ask that a copy is emailed to school. 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.



**LUNCHES** — From Monday, all Key Stage 1 children in school will have had the chance to book the Universal Free School Meal and will have been asked for their child's sandwich choice for the week. This is a packed lunch offer for Key Stage 1 children. 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.

**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.



The Oak National Academy is available for online learning and teachers may begin to direct parents to using the resource along with resources available on BBC Bitesize as part of the remote learning for children not yet in school.

A number of parents have enquired about the use of Zoom or similar platforms for conducting live lessons. The advice we have received from our safeguarding leads in the Trust has been that teachers **DO NOT** conduct live lessons. Whilst schools in other parts of the country

may be conducting live lessons, the advice received has been not to provide such lessons due to safeguarding and data protection concerns.

**TRANSITION** — Year 6 transferring to high schools will have been sent information home from the respective schools regarding starting Year 7. We have been asked to signpost parents to the secondary schools' websites, as many schools have been busy preparing presentations for new starters.

New starters to our Reception classes will soon be directed to information that will be posted to our website.

**The following information has remained the same since Snapshot 29**

**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.



**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.

**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 reach to 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.



**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 A Concern

**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 20<sup>th</sup>, 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 a specific course of action.

Many schools across Calderdale are struggling in similar circumstances to ourselves, and some cannot even open beyond Key Workers. We are fortunate that even with reduced staffing, the whole Lightcliffe team are coming together to support pupils in school and at home. There are further decisions to be made as we carefully consider options for inviting our wonderful Year 6 pupils back to school before the end of term.

Take care...stay safe.

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