

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to this week's Snapshot.

**FINAL WEEK** — We are currently planning groupings for the final week in school for children of key workers and Year 6. We are attempting to keep some timings and teachers the same, but this will not be possible in all cases. As Year 6 return for the first time, it is important that parents and children read the Return to School booklet, COVID Home-School Agreement and the letter informing parents of the staggered drop off and pick up times for each day, which reduces the number of pupils and parents on the school playground at any one time. This has been very successful in the past weeks due to parents and pupils adhering to the social distancing measures and procedures in place. It is important that Year 6 parents and pupils understand that the some traditions for the end of the year will **not** be able to happen as previously, but staff are working hard to make the last week meaningful for **all** pupils in school.

**HOME LEARNING** — Regular home learning activities will no longer be set from Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July for the summer break. A transition booklet with suggested activities to prepare for the next class will be available on the 'Learning From Home' area of the website. We shall let parents know when that is available.

**CLASSES FOR NEXT YEAR** — On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, we shall be communicating to parents which class their children shall go to after the summer holiday. Teacher's will be preparing information about some of the learning that will happen as well introduce themselves. This will be in the form of a Powerpoint presentation or newsletter and will again be published on the 'Learning From Home' area of the website. Transition activities will take place during the first week back.

**RECEPTION NEW STARTERS** - Information for parents of children starting in Reception in September is now available on the school website, <https://www.lightcliffeprimary.co.uk>, in the Reception New Starters area of our website.

**REPORTS** — Staff in school have been working hard to write reports for all children reflecting their attainment and progress up to 20<sup>th</sup> March when schools closed. Please be aware that this is a shorter report than the usual summer report, as general comments were shared with parents at Parents' Evening just a few weeks before. Spring term attainment information will be included. The report will be emailed to the email address given by parents on the electronic form which will be used for the purpose of sending this report. Parents living in the same household need only supply 1 email address.



**CLOTHING** — It has been noticed that some children are coming to school in clothes previously worn at school over the week. As per the Return to School booklet, we ask that children wear clean clothes each day, as a measure for reducing the risk of transmission. Thank you.

**GIFTS** - We have received a number of kind emails asking about gifts for teachers. As the current situation requires us to minimise the risk of transmission, having many gifts from multiple households does pose an increased risk to staff and their families. As a school we always appreciate kind words from parents — and we have very much appreciated these over the last few weeks — but whilst there is never an expectation for parents to send a gift to staff, we do understand that some families like to show their appreciation in this way. Therefore, for anyone who was considering a teacher gift, please send it at the beginning of your child's final week. It will need to be wiped once received in school and then stored in school away from the children until the end of the week when it could then be taken home. Some parents kindly send gifts to share between the whole staff — again, any gift

would need to be sent into school early as we would need to follow the same procedure as for gifts being sent home. Once again, we would like to say that is never an expectation that parents send gifts into school, but as we have been asked about gifts on a few occasions, we thought it best to address this point on the Snapshot.

**STAFF ABSENCES** — As we have reached capacity in terms of staffing, it is important to make parents aware that if a teacher/teachers leading a group become unwell, whether due to Covid symptoms or not, or suffer any other personal circumstance preventing them from being able to work, 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.

**EMAILS FROM TEACHERS** — Class teachers will not be contacting parents or pupils during the summer holiday. Should parents need to contact school during the break please contact [admin@lightcliffeprimary.co.uk](mailto:admin@lightcliffeprimary.co.uk).

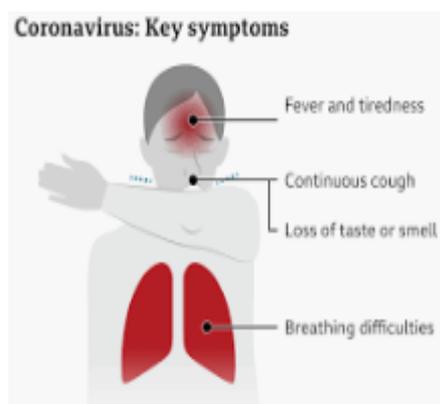
**SUMMER BREAK CLOSURES** - School will be closed during the summer break as we have building work and health and safety compliance works planned throughout this period. This means that the current provision for children of key workers and vulnerable pupils will not be continuing over the summer. School will close to all pupils on Friday 17th July. If we receive information of other childcare provision/ activities running during the summer period, we will share this with you.

**SNACKS IN SCHOOL** — Parents are reminded that our school policy regarding snacks from home is that children may bring fresh fruit or vegetable snacks. There are no biscuits to buy to avoid money handling.

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.

**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.



If a child **lives with someone** who is displaying Covid-19 symptoms or with someone who has tested positive, the child **should not** come to school. The child and the whole household should self-isolate. (See national guidance). If a child has been in **close contact** with someone with Covid-19 symptoms and the person **does not** live in the same household, the child does not need to self-isolate unless they develop symptoms or are advised to do so following contact tracing.



**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.

**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.

**PUPIL ABSENCE** - If we are expecting your child at school but they are unwell or will not be attending for any other reason, please ring and leave a message by 9am on every day that they are absent.

**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).



**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.



**WHAT WILL SEPTEMBER LOOK LIKE?** — We are trawling through the 35 page document right now!

Take...stay safe.

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