

Dear Families,

Once again, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the parents and carers for the support you have given the school during this difficult time. I am aware we have sent a lot of communication to you over the past 8 weeks. I wanted to provide you with a summary of the key information for a full reopening.

Site Information

- From Monday 8th March, we strongly recommend that all adults wear face coverings when coming onto the site. This includes when children are being dropped off and picked up.
- We also need you to support us in ensuring that groups of parents and carers **do not congregate** together either on school grounds or at the gates. Our staff who are on duty at these key times will be reinforcing these messages.
- The entry point is at the pedestrian gates at the front of the school building.
- We will continue to operate a one way system.
- Entrance to Nursery is as normal.
- Children in Year 5 and Year 6 can go straight to line up outside their entrances for 8.40am.
- Entrance to the site for year groups Reception - Year 4 will be signalled by the use of signs on the main gate.
- We are asking Years 5 and 6, where possible, to not be accompanied by parents on site. Years 3 and 4 can be accompanied if parents feel there is a need. If this is the case, parents are asked to leave the children on the KS2 playground with staff members and leave the site immediately.
- It is important that you do not remain on the site longer than you need to in order to ensure that groups do not congregate and compromise social distancing arrangements.

The start/end of the day

- In order to reduce the number of people at the school gates, we have staggered start times. These remain the same as previous, however the drop off and collection location has changed for Y5 and Y6. Staff will be in these areas to support children locating their entrance point:

Year	Morning Drop Off Time	After School Collection Time	Drop off and collection / dismissal point
Nursery	8.30am / 12:30pm	11:30am / 15.30	Nursery classroom door
Reception	9:00am	15:30	Reception classroom doors

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Year 1	8.50am	15.20	Year 1 classroom doors
Year 2	8.50am	15.20	Year 2 classroom doors
Year 3	8.45am	15.15	KS2 playground
Year 4	8.45am	15.15	KS2 playground
Year 5	8:40am	15.10	5B to line up outside the main entrance (reception) to the academy. 5DB to line up outside the fire escape within the car park.
Year 6	8:40am	15.10	6D to line up outside the side entrance to the academy, next to the car park exit. 6H to line up outside the fire escape to this classroom.

- It is important that only one adult accompanies your child at drop off and collection times.
- **It is important that you stick to these times as they are in place to support social distancing arrangements. If people deviate from these the site will become more congested and social distancing between adults will be more difficult. Please help us with this by respecting the allocated times.**

What will children need to bring/wear?

- Your child should wear our school uniform as normal. **Full school uniform expectations remain including black school shoes. Trainers are not part of our uniform.**
- Compliance with our existing school uniform policy is required in relation to jewellery. There should be **no earrings on return to school.**
- Your child will be provided with their own stationary. They do not need any other equipment and therefore school bags should be kept to a minimum size as these will need to be stored within the classroom.
- A PE kit will be required on the days when your child is scheduled to have a PE lesson.
- Please provide your child with a bottle that they can use for water throughout the day. This will need to be taken home and brought back each day.
- As usual, a coat and (where necessary) sunhat/cap should be brought to school.
- On particularly sunny days, please apply sun cream to your child's skin **before** they come to school.

Attendance

- The Government has confirmed that attendance at school is statutory and parents/carers have a legal duty to ensure that their child attends. We will follow our normal protocol for following up on non attendance.
- If you wish to discuss attendance with the school, please contact us so that we can work together to meet this requirement.

I can only apologise for the volume of communication which we have had to send out over the last few months. However, my main aim has been to keep all of my families as informed as possible during an ever changing situation. I hope you will have found this summary letter useful regarding the full reopening on Monday. I can not thank you all enough for your support, positivity and trust during this period. I know it has been difficult for so many for such different reasons. Please remember we are a Lofthouse family and to get in touch if we can do anything at all to further support you.

I cannot express how excited I am for our socially distanced disco as we welcome all of our children back on Monday. Have a lovely weekend, please take care of yourselves and others.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs L Hadfield
Principal