

Loatlands Edition

Respect, Resilience and Curiosity

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Loatlands
Primary School



Welcome back! We are so immensely proud of the wonderful attitudes we have seen the children return with this week. It has been an absolute joy to see so many happy, smiling faces again and the school finally feels like a school again – full of laughter and learning! The children have been an absolute credit to you all and the hard work that you have done with them to keep them settled over what has been an incredibly challenging period!

We are also very grateful for the patience and understanding that you have shown during our first couple of days back in order to ensure that we are able to get all of the children on to and off the site as safely as possible.

Can we please take this opportunity to remind you to remain socially distanced (2m) wherever possible while on the school site it has been reported to us that a number of parents are not observing this during drop off and pick up times. It is and will continue to be an incredibly important factor in keeping both you and your children as safe as we can and we would appreciate your understanding and cooperation with this – we know that it is hugely tempting to catch up with other parents that you have not seen for some time but would ask that you do so from a safe distance.

To further support social distancing we will be operating 'one way' systems on the gates from Monday. The gates will be numbered Gate 1, Gate 2 and Gate 3. Gates 1 and 3 (gates at either end of the school site - Gate 1 – the gate nearest to Whitehills and Gate 3 – the gate nearest to Cheaney Court) will be 'entrance only' gates while Gate 2 (the central gate next to the Nursery) will be the exit only gate. We would be grateful if you could observe the signs and use these gates as specified.

We are also extremely grateful that so many parents have accommodated our staggered start and finish times. Please be aware that these are not 'windows' of time in which to arrive. We would kindly ask that you do not arrive more than 5 minutes before the allotted start and finish time. From Monday, those children and parents that are late and do not arrive before the gates close will be asked to wait in the disabled parking bays until approximately 9:15am / 9:30am when they will then be allowed to enter via the school office once we have been able to safely admit all other children. Once again we appreciate your cooperation with this.

We are looking forward to the term ahead and are hoping for some more settled, consistent weeks ahead

Mrs Laura Buckley

Welcome

We are pleased to welcome our new members of staff - Miss Looker (Y3 teacher), Miss Ingold (Y3 TA), Mrs Watts (Y4 TA) and Miss Cheetham (Y3 TA), we look forward to working with them this year.

Congratulations to Miss Pou on the safe arrival of her baby boy in August.



Test & Trace - Rumours

It has been brought to our attention that there is a rumour circulating on social media that suggests children in school who begin to display COVID symptoms will be taken to a government testing centre, and parents will be denied access to their child. The rumour suggests any parent arriving at the school may face being removed by the police. This information is **entirely untrue**. If a child begins to display COVID symptoms parents will be contacted and they will be asked to take the child home and to arrange a test. This is to protect the welfare of the child and those within his/her social bubble. Ensuring the safety, welfare and protection of our children is the number one priority of each and every Pathfinder School. Our schools have a clear and agreed Test & Trace process in place, backed by the Local Authority and Public Health England. This involves supporting any child who may require testing, and offering clear next steps for the family involved.

Testing

We understand that you may have some concern about the risks of transmission of coronavirus. Along with all schools and colleges across the country, we know you are putting in every effort to follow the guidance and ensure that children and students can return safely as the new term starts.

The Department for Education has worked closely with Public Health England (PHE) and NHS Test and Trace to ensure that we are doing all we can to minimise the potential risks of spread. A key part of this is the appropriate use of testing to help identify people who are positive and subsequently their contacts.

To ensure we identify those with coronavirus while avoiding a huge increase in demand for tests from people without coronavirus symptoms. They recommend that pupils, students and staff who feel unwell be tested if they develop one or more of the main coronavirus symptoms:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- the loss or change of their sense of taste or smell, or
- they are recommended to get tested by a healthcare provider (e.g. GP or nurse)

If a pupil, student or staff member develops one or more of the main coronavirus symptoms described above, only they should be tested. There is no need for their households to have a test, unless they are also symptomatic. Unless a pupil, student or staff member has one of the three main coronavirus symptoms, they should only be tested if instructed otherwise by the local authority, health protection team or their GP. As schools and colleges across England return, pupils and students may feel unwell for example with a sore throat, stomach upset or a headache. These pupils and students do not need to book a test but may need to stay off school or college and seek medical advice through their GP or pharmacist as usual.

Uniform and Other Belongings in School

Please remember to name all items of clothing including coats, jumpers, cardigans, sun hats, lunch boxes and water bottles. This makes it easier for staff to reunite children with lost belongings.



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New accident reporting system

To avoid sending paperwork home with children we will be using a new texting system to let you know if your child has had a minor accident at school, this includes minor bumps and grazes. This will advise you that a minor injury has occurred and if you wish to have more information then you are able to contact the School Office. If your child has a more serious accident or a head injury, you will receive a telephone call as normal.

Key Stage 2 Break Time Snacks

As a healthy eating school, all break time snacks for KS2 should be a healthy snack i.e. fruit, dried fruit, cheese, carrot/cucumber sticks, tomatoes, etc. No sweets, cakes/cake bars, biscuits, cereal bars or crisps are allowed. We will also not be accepting 'Fruit Winders' or other processed fruit products as these are very high in sugar. Please note we are a Nut Free School so children should not be bringing nuts as a snack or any product containing nuts.



Forest School – Year 1 and Year 3 Morpurgo

During the Autumn term Year 1 and Year 3 Morpurgo class will be accessing the Forest School provision.

Year 1 children will be split in to 2 groups, the Willows and the Apple Blossoms. They will be completing forest school sessions every fortnight on a Friday afternoon. Information about which group your child is in has been emailed home this week.

Year 3 Morpurgo Class will be having their sessions every **Wednesday afternoon (previously stated at morning)** starting on Wednesday 9th September and the last session will be on Wednesday 14th October. Please send your child's forest school kit in a named bag carrier bag.

Term Dates 2020-2021

Term 1

Training Day	Tuesday 1 September 2020
Training Day	Wednesday 2 September 2020
Term starts	Thursday 3 September
Term ends	Friday 16 October

Term 2

Term starts	Monday 2 November
Term ends	Friday 18 December
Training Day	Monday 21 December

Term 3

Term starts	Monday 4 January 2021
Term ends	Thursday 11 February
Training Day	Friday 12 February

Term 4

Term starts	Monday 22 February
Term ends	Friday 26 March

Term 5

Term starts	Monday 12 April
Term ends	Friday 28 May

Term 6

Term starts	Monday 7 June
Term ends	Friday 23 July
Training Day	Monday 26 July

Term Dates 2021-2022

Term 1

Training Day	Wednesday 1 September 2021
Term starts	Thursday 2 September
Term ends	Friday 15 October

Term 2

Training Day	Monday 1 November
Term starts	Tuesday 2 November
Term ends	Wednesday 22 December

Term 3

Training Day	Tuesday 4 January 2022
Term starts	Wednesday 5 January
Term ends	Friday 11 February

Term 4

Term starts	Monday 21 February
Term ends	Friday 1 April
Training Day	Monday 4 April

Term 5

Term starts	Tuesday 19 April
Term ends	Friday 27 May

Term 6

Term starts	Monday 6 June
Term ends	Friday 22 July
Training Day	Monday 25 July