

PARNWELL NEWS

Message from the Head teacher:

Welcome back! It is so lovely to see all the students back in school after such a long time off. Well done to all our students, parents and school staff for making sure children were able to continue with their education during lock down. We also hope you had time to enjoy the summer holidays and have come back to school feeling rested. We are delighted to have everyone back in school and are looking forward to seeing lots of great learning this year.

The introduction days this week have been extremely successful and helpful for both staff and students. We would like to thank parents and students for following all the guidance and new routines that are in place. If you have any concerns you would like to discuss, you can speak to any of the senior leadership team who will be on the playground every morning.

We welcome all our new students and 4 new members of staff to our school this year. Miss Edwards will join Year 2 as class teacher, Miss Evans as Head of Year 5 and class teacher, Mrs Donaghy will join Year 6 as class teacher and Mrs Huntley as HLTA. I am sure you will join me in welcoming them to Lime Academy Parnwell.

Uniform:

Please remember that full school uniform includes a navy jumper with the Lime Academy logo, a tie, grey trousers/skirt/dress and black shoes, not trainers. On the days your child has PE, please send them to school in their PE kit.

Term dates:

The term dates for 2020/21 can be found on our [website](#). We break up on Friday 23rd October for half term and return to school on Monday 2 November.

Updating your information:

Please update the office if you have changed your home address or your telephone number.

Curriculum:

We want to let all parents/carers know the approach that we are taking in terms of the curriculum.

For the first two weeks we will be focussing on a recovery curriculum. This will include, learning of new procedures and routines, friendship/ collaborative games, basic skills, speaking and listening exercises and mindfulness. This list is not exhaustive and I am sure your children will really enjoy telling you all about their learning and their days upon their successful return.

All of the Lime Trust Schools have put our pupil's well-being at the centre of our thinking. We acknowledge that the children will have had different experiences during this time. However, the common thread running through all is the loss of routine, structure, friendship, opportunity and freedom.

We hope that you feel this approach will support your child's well-being as they begin their re-engagement with learning at school.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher if you have any questions or would like more information.

School Day:

Please note the school day is now staggered to allow for social distancing as follows:

Year 6	09:00-15:25
Year 4 and 5	08:50-15:15
Year 2 and 3	08:40-15:05
Reception and Year 1	08:30-14:55

Please be on time, (not early or late). Late children will be admitted through the school office after 09:30am. Entrance is through the front school gate and you must follow the one-way system around school, making sure you socially distance at all times.

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Road Closure:

Working in collaboration with Peterborough City Council, the road leading up to the school will be closed from 08:15-09:15 and 14:45 to 15:45 every day. Please park carefully elsewhere or use alternative methods of travelling to school.

Walking home alone:

With parental/carer permission, Year 6 children are permitted to leave the school premises by themselves at the end of the school day. You must take responsibility that your child will return directly home and socially distance. Permission letters will be sent out on ParentMail, which **must** be completed.

Breakfast and Afterschool club:

At present, the clubs are full, but if you would like a place, you can add your name to a waiting list with the school office. Breakfast club runs every morning from 07:45 at a cost of £3 per session. Breakfast items are provided for the children. Afterschool club runs from 15:15 to 17:45 at a cost of £6 per day (£3 for any additional siblings). Children are given a light tea of sandwiches, snacks, fruit and drinks.

ParentMail:

If you have not already done so, can you please register on ParentMail. We communicate all important messages from the school using ParentMail. Registration is easy, you just need to give the school office your email address.

School dinners/packed lunches:

Due to COVID-19, we will be providing a reduced school dinner menu with one option for both vegetarians and meat eaters. The new menu will be available on our website shortly and it will also be sent out on ParentMail or you can collect a copy from the office. If your child has a packed lunch, please ensure it is healthy, with no fizzy drinks and we ask you to avoid crisps and chocolate. Do not pack any nut products for health and safety reasons. Children should come to school with a drinks bottle which they are able to fill up with water throughout the day.

Snacks and milk:

Children may bring a healthy snack to be eaten at break time. Fruit is provided by the school in KS1. The school is part of the Cool Milk for Schools scheme and all children receive free milk until the child's 5th birthday. You will need to register your child to receive milk daily by applying directly to [Cool Milk](#). Alternatively, you can ask for a form at the school office.

Lost Property:

Please label your child's uniform with their name. We are unable to return lost property to the correct children if it is not labelled. We have a number of lost property items in the office. If they are not collected by Friday 11 September, they will be disposed of.

Leave of absence and attendance:

The government has stated that all children must now return to school. If your child is ill and unable to attend school, please call the school office in the morning to report the absence. If you are planning on taking your child out of school, you must notify the school in advance (at least 2 days) with full details by completing the school's leave of absence request form. Only the school can consider and authorise absences. If you choose to take your child out of school without permission from school, and there are no exceptional circumstances for the absence, it will be recorded as a period of unauthorised absence. This puts you at risk of being issued with a penalty fine or being prosecuted in court. We take attendance seriously and will be monitoring it closely.

More information is available in our school [attendance policy](#) and at

<https://www.peterborough.gov.uk/residents/schools-and-education/attendance/>