



Lea Endowed CE Primary School
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Newsletter No 2
Friday 11th September 2020
Our theme this half term is **COURAGE**

"Let your light shine." Matthew 5:16



This week, it has been wonderful to have all classes in school and fully operational! It really is such a joy to see the children coming into school with such happy faces. I would like to thank parents, carers and staff for all your hard work in preparing the children for a smooth return to school. We are also delighted that our Reception children have completed their first 2 full days in school. They have coped wonderfully well with all their new daily routines and have fitted in beautifully to life at Lea Endowed.

Our curriculum this half term will focus on Key Skills for English and Maths. These will be taught through our Deep and Wide curriculum. Please see your child's class Curriculum Overview on the website for details of your child's learning this half term. PE will also have a significant focus to support fitness, mental health and wellbeing in order to ensure our children are happy and flourishing. We are looking forward to a happy and healthy year ahead as we work together to re-establish our school family and replace lost learning. Please see the information overleaf which outlines actions following the presence of Covid symptoms.

It is vital that we have **at least 2**, up to date emergency contact details for your child. If your contact details have changed, including home/work phone numbers, mobile numbers and email addresses please inform school **as soon as possible**.

Health & Safety

Drop Off and Pick Up – Thank you to all those parents who have cooperated wonderfully with the new arrangements. After a few initial teething problems, the system now seems to be working well and the vast majority of parents are very positive about the arrangements in place. Thank you to those who have offered helpful suggestions, we are always willing to listen and adjust where appropriate. **The key to maintaining safety, is for parents to only arrive to collect their child at their given times.** Children must only arrive at school between 8:45am and 9:00am and must **NOT** be left unsupervised. PLEASE do not arrive early at the exit points to "secure a space", this causes congestion and makes it difficult for parents with prams and young children to pass on the pavements. A reminder that parents with children in Classes 3 and 4, should use the concrete driveway and grassed area to wait. Please maintain Social Distancing as far as possible whilst waiting safely outside school.

Parking – This week, I have issued 2 more complaints to LCC Highways expressing my concern about: the speed of the traffic on Lea road, the parking of cars on, or very close to the roundabout, parking on pavements (blocking safe passage for pedestrians) and the overgrown hedges on Lea Road. I have also expressed my concerns to the Police on several occasions. It may be that you as parents and carers wish to also register your concerns or consider your own parking behaviour to maximise safety for our school family and all road users.

TIK TOK – It has been brought to my attention that there has been some highly inappropriate and distressing content uploaded on the Social Media app Tik Tok. Although we are aware that this app is popular amongst children and young people, the age limit is 13. Parents **MUST** be extremely vigilant when allowing their child to access the internet. Please see our wealth of Online Safety information on our website to help you keep your child safe.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns, queries or would just like to share some good news! Thank you for your support,

CM Seagrave



Covid Symptoms - What happens?

Please do **NOT** send your child to school if they have Coronavirus Symptoms

Child has symptoms Self Isolate (including family members) and Test – either book a test (online at <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>) or collect a test from school (we have a small number of tests available) Please inform school of the result of the test.

Negative Test Stop self-isolating (including members of family), when feeling better return to school

Positive Test follow the [guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#) and continue to self-isolate for at least 10 days from the onset of symptoms (first day of illness). If high temperature continues, after the 10 day isolation period, they should keep self-isolating until their temperature returns to normal. Other members of their household should continue self-isolating for the full 14 days.

Someone in school tests positive The health protection team will carry out a rapid risk assessment to confirm who has been in close contact with the person during the period that they were infectious, and ensure they are asked to self-isolate.

The health protection team will work with schools to give them definitive advice and guide them. Schools must send home people who have been in close contact with the person who has tested positive, they should self-isolate for 14 days since they were last in close contact with that person. Household members of those contacts who are sent home do not need to self-isolate unless the child, young person or staff member who is self-isolating subsequently develops symptoms. If this occurs within the 14-day isolation period they should follow [guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#). They should get a test, and:

If the test delivers a NEGATIVE result, they must remain in isolation for the remainder of the 14-day isolation period. This is because they could still develop the coronavirus (COVID-19) within the remaining days.

If the test result is POSITIVE, they should inform school immediately, and isolate for at least 10 days from the onset of their symptoms (which could mean the self-isolation ends before or after the original 14-day isolation period). Their household should self-isolate for at least 14 days from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms, following [guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#).

If school has two or more confirmed cases within 14 days, or an overall rise in sickness absence where coronavirus (COVID-19) is suspected, this may be an outbreak and we will continue to work with our local health protection team who will be able to advise if additional action is required.

In some cases, health protection teams may recommend that a larger number of other pupils self-isolate at home as a precautionary measure – perhaps the whole school or class. If deemed necessary, a mobile testing unit may be a dispatched to test others who may have been in contact with the person who has tested positive. Testing will first focus on the person's class, then the whole school if necessary, in line with routine public health outbreak control practice.

Please be reassured, we have a thorough risk assessment in place (available on our website) which will reduce transmission risks. Whole school closure, based on cases within the school, will not generally be necessary, and will not be considered except on the advice of health protection teams.