

LONGLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

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Dear Parents/Carers

We are nearly at the end of a very busy and happy half term. I have spent time this week looking at the children's work in their books and observing lessons (whilst maintaining social distancing guidelines!) It has been delightful to see that our children are fully engaged in their learning and as always are settled and well behaved in class. So, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the Longlands community for their support in ensuring the successful start to a new school year. As always, I have a few updates and reminders.

Covid-19 Update

As our surrounding neighbours, Essex and Enfield, have more and more Covid-related restrictions placed on them, let's be aware that we still need to take the pandemic seriously and do all we can to stop the virus from coming to Longlands. Please follow our guidelines:

- Enter school via the small pedestrian gate
- Do not stop in the pedestrian gate to say goodbye to your child as this stops others from entering school – come all the way in and use the one way system.
- Leave by the big carpark gates
- Stick to your allotted time - do not be tempted to arrive at school too early
- Social distance at all times and leave the school site as soon as possible, please do not congregate at the school gates for a chat
- Please **do not** send your child to school if they or anyone in your house has symptoms suggestive of Covid-19, i.e. a high temperature, a new continuous cough and/or a loss of sense of smell or taste
- Ensure your child is dressed warmly for school, the need for increased ventilation will make school buildings cooler than usual over the winter months. An extra layer of clothes in addition to the normal school uniform is advised.
- The office will remain closed, apart for a few exceptional reasons. If you do need to come to the office, as from Monday 2nd of November, you will need to wear a mask/face covering.
- If you need to update the school regarding any Covid-19 related issues over half term, such as positive test results or requirements to self-isolate, please email us via admin@longlands.herts.sch.uk. Someone will be checking the inbox on a regular basis and will be able to get back to if necessary.

Flu immunisations

Flu immunisations are scheduled to take place on Monday 9th of November for pupils in Reception to Y6. You will have received an email containing further information and the consent form. Please complete the relevant forms, giving your consent, or indicating if you do not give consent. Please email your reply to: noreply@longlands.herts.sch.uk. If you require a hard copy of the form, please let the office know.



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Parents Evening

It is good to see that the vast majority of parents have been able to access the booking system for the parents evening. As we have had some enquiries, I feel the need to clarify that this is a virtual appointment and you should not attend the school site at your allotted time. If you still need to make an appointment or need any assistance please telephone or email the school office. Just to remind you that whilst the appointment slots are 10 minutes long, you will only have 8 minutes talk time with the teachers to allow them to prepare for their next meeting.

We look forward to talking to you remotely on either Wednesday 4th or Thursday 5th of November. Please note if you miss your allotted appointment time, we will not be able to offer you an alternative.

Homework

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, we have had to rethink how we set homework and after half term, we will be setting homework for pupils in Y1 to Y6 through Purple Mash. Homework will be set every Monday with an expectation that it is completed by the following Monday. Please email or phone the school office if you need a reminder of your child's Purple Mash log on details. We will continue to support Home Learning in EYFS through Tapestry.

Zones of Regulation

This term we have introduced a new strategy across the whole school to develop our pupil's social emotional and sensory regulation. This is called the Zones of Regulation.

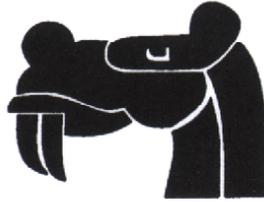
The different zones categorise states of alertness and emotions. We are teaching pupils to identify which zone they are in and helping them to develop strategies to manage their emotions and self-regulate accordingly. Please ask if you would like any further information.



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Remote Learning Policy

Thank you to all of those parents who took the time to answer our Remote Learning Survey. It was good to know that the vast majority of parents appreciated the efforts the school went to during lockdown to support you and your children and that you enjoyed using Purple Mash and the other online resources we signposted you to. As always, there are always things to be improved upon, we have listened to your comments and added many of your suggestions into our Remote Learning Policy, which can be found on our website.

Communication

Both the app and website have been upgraded and I hope you will find them a useful source of information. Moving forward, any newsletters we email home will also be posted on our website.

Parking

Finally my usual reminder about parking...Please **do not** attempt to drive into Nunsbury Dr to drop off, with many of the residents now working from home, it is extremely congested. It is only a matter of time before the dangerous and inconsiderate behaviour of a very small minority of parents leads to an accident. Please use the Bull's Head carpark and walk the short distance to school – it is the responsible and right thing to do!

Wishing everyone a safe and relaxing half term.

Kind Regards

Lee-Ann Britten

Headteacher

