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COVID-19 Weekly Update

Dear Parents,

It was lovely to see so many familiar faces in amongst the new ones at our first ever 'virtual' New Parents' Welcome Evening on Wednesday night.

The staff and I are excited at the prospect of welcoming children from every year group back in to the school as soon as possible..!

Government Announcement on Schools

We received the Government Guidance on the re-opening of schools in September yesterday. A breakdown of this information for parents and carers can be found [here](#); with the full guidance accessible via this [link](#).

As you will see, there is a lot of fine detail for us to work through and plan from which will obviously take some time. The great news, however, is that the Government have released this in good time for us to communicate our plans this side of the summer holiday as we all hoped.

I am in the process of liaising with our Governors and Miss Morris at the Infant School in order to ensure that the arrangements made are as joined up as possible. To allow time for this to happen, more detailed information will be provided during the week beginning Monday 13th July.

Summer Holidays (*Reminder*)

Unfortunately, we are unable to facilitate childcare on site this summer. The Stay and Play Club have taken the very difficult decision that, given all the current restrictions and regulations, it would be unviable for them to operate. As such, the school site will be closed completely to children from Thursday 23rd July until Monday 7th September 2020.

The Stay and Play Club, like everyone associated with LJS, are very much looking forward to being able to return to 'business as usual' as quickly as possible.

INSET Dates for the Next Academic Year: 2020/2021 (*Reminder*)

One thing we can confirm are the first two planned INSET dates for next academic year (with the remaining three dates to follow). These will be:

Thursday 3rd September 2020

Friday 4th September 2020

Please note that this means that School will not start for the children after the summer holiday in any form until **Monday 7th September 2020** at the earliest.

Opportunity to Meet New Teacher (Current Years 3, 4 and 5)

I sent out details of the up-coming 'meet your new teacher' sessions on Wednesday (1st July). If you have not had chance to read that letter, please do as it contains comprehensive information regarding your child's new teacher and arrangements for their visit.

One thing I forgot to say was that uniform for the session is optional. The children currently on the site will be wearing their own clothes so we would suggest everyone does however should the children be keen to wear their uniform they are more than welcome to do so.

Food Parcels – Summer Arrangements (*New Information*)

Mrs Lavis has done a brilliant job as always registering eligible families for the Government's summer free school meal voucher scheme. As any of you that deal with Government websites will appreciate, this was no easy task.

If you are part of this group and require any more help from Mrs Lavis, please get in contact as soon as possible so she can provide the assistance before school closes for the summer holiday on Wednesday 22nd July.

Food Parcels – Current Arrangements (*Ongoing Reminder*)

A reminder that eligible families whose children are not on site can still collect their weekly food parcels between **12:30pm and 13:00** each Monday.

If you are eligible and would like to start collecting food parcels, or should your circumstances change and you become eligible for this provision, please contact the school office (adminoffice@lymington-jun.hants.sch.uk) so that we can ensure one is made up for you.

Alternatively, if you require additional support in this area, the **Lymington and Pennington Food Bank** are open and may be in a position to help. Contact the school as above in the first instance and we can look in to the referral process for you.

Transition between Schools (*Ongoing Reminders*)

Year 6 to 7

We continue to liaise with Priestlands regarding the children who will be starting there in September. Rest assured that there are mechanisms in place for us to handover key information regarding the children's attainment (this will generally be as of March 2020); information regarding friendships etc as usual. More information, including virtual tours, is available on the Priestlands' website at: <http://www.priestlands.hants.sch.uk/Year-6-transition>. These virtual materials will be shared with the children on site over the next few weeks.

Following a period of extensive planning, we were delighted to be able to reveal the details of our Year 6 Leavers' session to take place during Friday 10th July. Specific information has been sent out to the families of children in Year 6, which will be followed up by telephone calls from staff over the coming days. If you have missed the call, please contact the school as soon as possible as we need to find out certain information, including food choices.

Final Reflection

I would like to take the opportunity this week to thank our wonderful staff team. Over the past few months, they have demonstrated amazing flexibility and resilience: picking up many new skills (particularly linked to IT!) along the way.

As Billy Ocean wisely said, "when the going gets tough..."

Best wishes and be safe everyone.

Dan Twyman, Headteacher