

<b>Date of Meeting</b>	05.07.2021
<b>Presented By</b>	Clare Larkin Head of School

### **Covid-19**

Mrs Larkin advised current measures will stay in place such as the one-way system, bubbles, etc. These measures are expected to be in place until the end of the school year and possibly from September during the Autumn 1 term to Christmas. We are planning to continue learning in bubbles and keeping our full time cleaner.

Whilst staff do try to encourage parents to follow the one-way system around the school; staff stand at the main gates, where possible, before and after school, as we do know that this rule isn't always followed by all parents. School cannot enforce the rules but can reiterate the importance of this and will send out another reminder via ParentMail and have conversations with repeating individuals respectfully. We have members of staff who are pregnant and are doing what we can to keep them safe along with the rest of the school.

- **Question Raised** – Will Key Stage 2, year group bubbles remain as Years 3&5 pavilion and 4&6 pavilion?

As we are keeping the children in bubbles we feel it will be better for the closer year groups to share the pavilion & curriculum resources. Pavilions will be Year 3/4 and 5/6.

### **Renovations to the school**

**School hall** – Approval for the hall renovations has been granted. Work will be completed over the summer. The hall will be a multi-use 4D immersive space. The ceilings will be lowered and the floor replaced with a sports floor. We very much look forward to sharing the finished result as soon as possible and will send lots of footage enjoying the space as soon as it is completed.

**Wheelchair access path** – This will be completed over the summer connecting and incorporating the original paths around the school to the farm/wooded areas.

**Roof** – New roof design will be starting in September with minimal disruption for the children. There will be scaffolding around the pavilions and part of the school field will be out of use. There will be further information of access/entrances to the school for September. The work is due to be completed by Easter.

- **Question Raised – can parents make a contribution to the roof repairs?**

No, the roof has been an issue since it was first built, it has been leaking in part for approx. 7 years. The work will be carried out at no cost to the school and an agreement has been reached that Lang O'Rourke will carry out redecorating and flooring of the school the following Summer. At their own cost.

### **Transition Day**

The children will be informed of their new class teacher on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July. Transition days for the children will be over Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> & Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July.

The children will be in their new class, new seats with their new teacher. We have implemented this transition format before COVID and has helped familiarise the children and given them reassurance for their move into the new academic year.

The children will be dropped off as normal to their current class on Wednesday and collected from their new class in the afternoon. On Thursday the children will be dropped off and collected from their new class. We will have as many staff as possible on hand to support and guide parents/carers of the new entrance/route being used in September.

On Friday, the children will return to their current class and teacher to celebrate the end of the academic year.

### **Uniform**

From September we will be looking more closely at uniform and pushing for consistency and smart appearance across the school.

All black trainers will still be part of the uniform; however, we will still require children to bring in a separate pair of trainers for activities (in the possible eventuality that footwear may get wet during sports/running activities outside). These may be brightly coloured but will not be acceptable as part of the daily uniform. Boots should not be worn and socks with excessively sized bows will not be permitted.

### **Homework**

Very few children are doing homework. We don't believe in homework for homework sake, but we need to push on the importance of the basic skills of home learning; reading, phonics, spellings, number bonds, times tables.

We are really happy that children are involved in afterschool activities and hobby/sports clubs and don't want home work to be an imposition on family life. However, balance and consistency and the need in repetition and practice to get the children back into a routine after the lockdowns and isolation periods.

Training in year 6, getting the children used to the levels of homework that will be given in high school, without laying it on too heavy and letting them enjoy primary school.

- **Question Raised** – Is the reward scheme for homework still happening? My daughter was really excited about the extra break time but hasn't really mentioned it in recent weeks.

Unfortunately giving extra break time didn't have the desired effect. It was taking time off class learning and making children whose parents weren't doing homework feel punished for not getting

- **Question Raised** – When is homework given and when should it be shared? Doesn't appear to be consistency across year groups.

Clare to look into this. Homework to be given out on a Monday to be returned the following Monday

### **Friends of Lime Tree**

Once again a huge thank you to FoLT for their amazing fund raising this year. Their commitment to the school has been outstanding, thinking of inventive ways to raise money. They have worked miracles from home. The lodges are being enjoyed by the children and are looking fantastic.

**AOB –**

### **11+ & Parental/School Communication**

#### **Twitter?**

Question raised – I have a child in Reception, we are new to the country not sure of school's procedures feels child has missed out on show on tell and other activities because we are not

Mrs Larkin praised the staff and children for their resilience over this year. For thinking outside of the box, safety enabling children to feel normality where possible.

Events were 'vimeo'd' which children have participated in to share with parents and cares will include; foundation Stage graduations, leavers assemblies, sports days, whole school celebrations and music concerts.

The Year 6 residential was held overnight in school with a Heaton Park day trip and a day canoeing.

Safely inviting parents in for events where possible;

- Year 6 Shrek performance to be shared via ParentMail alongside parents to be invited in to watch the children perform scenes in the school grounds in groups of 10 over 2 days. Details of this will be shared with year 6 parents
- Nursery Graduation – Mini Lime Fest with small parent groups outside
- ‘New to Lime Tree Transitions’ welcoming children to meet their class teacher for September.

### **Going forward**

Mrs Larkin would like to continue to offer ‘Zoom Parent Forums’ but would like to invite parents to the school for learning walks and face to meetings as and when possible. This could be looked at on a rotation basis.

- Question raised – Will we see Coffee Morning reintroduced?

We would like to have coffee morning as soon as possible, a thought for this would be to have it in the Forest School area. This will be given thought.