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## JUNE 2020 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Phased re-opening of LRPS:

It has been an extremely busy past few weeks here at LRPS as we begin to implement a cautious and gradual re-opening of school more widely to more of our children. We continue to follow Government and Local Authority guidance every step of the way as well as ensuring any decisions made are right for **our** children and **our** school.

As you will be aware, school has remained open for the children of key workers and our most vulnerable children throughout the period of lock-down. On 15th June we re-opened school for our Year 6 children and from next Monday – 29<sup>th</sup> June – we will re-open for children in Year 1.

From Monday we will have five 'bubbles' operating across the school. Each 'bubble' must:

- ✓ Have no more than 15 children.
- ✓ Have the same adults supervising throughout the week.
- ✓ Remain in the same room throughout the school day.
- ✓ Have different start times, finish times, break times, lunch servings, lunch-breaks, toilet breaks, hand-washing breaks.
- ✓ Not come into contact with another bubble throughout the day.

As you will be able to understand, with the above rules in place, it is impossible to return all children back to school before the end of the summer term as for this to happen we would need 19 supervising members of staff and 19 classrooms!

We are working hard to plan ahead for September and we are hoping that by that point all children will be able to return – we are unsure at this point what social distancing rules will be in place by that point, but rest assured we will continue to work hard to make school work safely and efficiently for all of our children for the start of the new academic year.



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### **Kingswood Residential Update:**

Despite continued communication from ourselves to Kingswood following the cancellation of our residential last month, we are still yet to receive a refund. I will not allow our families to be short-changed and therefore I am arranging for a refund of all money that was paid by yourselves – this will come from our school funds and is quite complex to sort, so thank you for your patience and we will be in contact soon to arrange refunds back to your account.

### **Early Years New Starters:**

We are looking forward to welcoming lots of new starters to our Nursery and Reception classes in September! Thank you to Miss Jeffcock and her Early Years team for working tirelessly to arrange one-to-one, socially distanced visits to our Early Years classrooms during this week. If you're a new family joining our school – you are very welcome!

### **Football:**

As you will know, our Year 5/6 football team were having an amazing season – they were in the semi-finals of the Bob Maddison Cup (a North East wide competition) and third in the league table, still within three points of the title. We were devastated, but not surprised to hear that the football season has been voided this year due to Covid-19, but it goes without saying how proud we are of our football team this season – they have done our school and the community of Lemington proud!

### **Thank you:**

**I would like to once again place on record my thanks to all of our parents and carers for being so supportive, patient and understanding in what has been an intense few months for us all. I would also like to thank my staff team who have worked tirelessly for your children, even at the darkest points of lock-down.**

**Finally, I would like to say the biggest well done to all of our children – none of us adults experienced anything like this in our childhoods and we are all so proud of how our children have coped and adapted to these most difficult of times – you are all superstars. Sending you all huge virtual hugs and shoulder bumps!**

Take care and see you all soon,

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