



Thank You

Many thanks to all of you for adjusting so well to the new regulations around drop off and pick up protocols. I know the first day was a little difficult but I think it's getting better and seems to be running more smoothly now. If you have any problems or suggestions to make, please do get in touch. Can I please remind you that only one parent should be coming onto the school site for drop off and pick up to help ease the congestion and please leave the site as soon as you have collected your child. Also, please ensure that you only arrive within your time slot.

I know rainy days are going to cause an added difficulty but hopefully we can all be as efficient as possible and keep the one way system moving. We are also looking at how we can alleviate the congestion outside the Year 3/4 classes and will keep you updated. Thank you once again.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome Back! It's lovely to be back in school and to see everyone once again! I hope you all managed to have a good summer and are feeling refreshed and ready for the new year ahead – whatever it may bring!

Welcome to our Newcomers I would like to welcome all the new children who have joined us this year - everyone seems to have settled in really well, even with all the new changes. I would also like to welcome our new members of staff: Mrs Sarah Brooks and Mrs Rachel Strawson are both in our new Reception class and Miss Imogen Ruskin is working with Miss Maddison's class all term for her teacher training. It's great to have so many new additions to our wonderful Landscore family and I know we will all make them feel welcome.



No Internet Unfortunately, we have no internet in the school at present and we may be without it for the next two weeks. This is obviously causing a problem with communication and emails so please bear with us if there is a delay in receiving a reply.

Key Events – Autumn Term

- **Harvest Assembly** – Unfortunately there will be no Harvest assembly this term but we will still do a Harvest celebration in classes and we will have a food collection for the Crediton Food Bank. More information will follow about this.
- **Parents' Evenings** – As we are not able to invite you in for a parent interview, we will be offering you a virtual meeting or a telephone call to discuss your child's progress this term. These conversations will take place on 20th, 21st or 22nd October.
- **Non-Pupil Day** – On Friday 23rd October the school is closed to pupils.
- **Half Term Holiday** - Monday 26th – Friday 30th Oct.
- **Last Day of Term** - Friday 18th Dec.
- **Christmas** - Sadly, we are unable to organise our usual Christmas events this year. There will be no Carol Service or Christmas Fair and we are unlikely to be able to do a Nativity for parents. We will, however, try to organise some Christmas events in a COVID safe way. More information will follow later in the term.

Reminders

Healthy snacks

All children are welcome to bring a healthy snack to eat at break time – no chocolate or crisps are allowed at this time of the day and please do not bring nuts into school.

Drinks

Please send a water bottle into school for your child but please ensure this contains just water - sugary juice drinks are not allowed.

Absence

Please remember to phone the school office by 9:30 if your child is absent from school.

Please Label Everything

Please ensure that you label all your child's school clothing and personal items so that we can return any items which get lost, including packed lunch boxes and drinks bottles!

Emergency Contacts

Please make sure that the school has your up to date details, especially any new mobile numbers.

Year 6 Secondary Applications If your child is in Year 6 this year, you will be thinking about transition to secondary school next year and you will need to apply for a secondary school place by October 31st. Applications can be made online and more information can be found at:

www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/apply-for-a-school-place

Nut Allergy Please be aware that we have children in school with severe nut allergies. I would therefore ask that you all refrain from sending any nuts into school with your child for either their snack or their packed lunch. Many thanks for your help with this matter.

School Uniform Policy We firmly believe that how a child dresses affects his/her attitude to learning and behaviour. At Landscore we would like our children to take pride in their appearance to give them a sense of belonging. Our school uniform is smart and practical. The school uniform is as follows:

- Grey or black trousers, shorts, pinafore dress, skirt or short sleeved blue gingham dress (no jeans or jogging bottoms please)
- White or blue shirt or polo shirt – school logo polo shirts available
- Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan – with school logo preferred
- Royal blue fleece with school logo (optional)
- Black, grey or white tights
- Black, grey or white socks
- Black, brown or dark blue school shoes, ankle boots or sandals -secured to the foot (not trainers, fashion shoes, crocs or shoes with a heel)

PE Kit Children in years 2-6 should also have a PE kit in school consisting of:

- Navy blue/ Black shorts
- Navy blue/ Black tracksuit or leggings (for outside PE in the winter)
- Team coloured T-shirt (purchased from school)
- Plimsolls or trainers

Please note: Appropriate school dress means that fashion clothing should be avoided, including hair decorations. Nail varnish, make-up and temporary tattoos are not permitted. No jewellery other than wristwatches and plain stud earrings are allowed. If children have earrings in for PE days, please make sure that they can either remove the earrings themselves or cover them with micro-pore.

COVID Symptoms & Absence As we all know, children often suffer from a multitude of coughs and colds during the winter months. Under normal circumstances, we would encourage you to give them some Calpol and send them into school if they are feeling up to it. However, in this new world, we must now insist that you keep your child at home if they are showing any of the signs of COVID-19: a persistent cough, a high temperature or a loss of taste or smell. If your child displays any of these symptoms during the school day, we will have to isolate them in the first aid room and ring you to come and collect them. I apologise if this happens more frequently than it may have done in the past but we obviously have to follow the strict guidelines.

Please inform the school if you take your child to have a COVID-19 test as we are required to report this.

Clubs Extra-curricular clubs will not be taking place this half term due to the difficulties with restrictions. We will endeavour to get clubs back up and running as soon as possible.

I hope you all have a great weekend.

Yours sincerely

Debbie Main