



Lunt's Heath Primary School

Information for the New Academic Year

September 2021

The following information will provide you with the most relevant details that children and parents need for our new school year starting on Thursday 2nd September 2021. We are especially excited for September now that restrictions have been lifted, hopeful that they will not be enforced again. However, we must all remain mindful and prepared to respond to any future changes in the interest of health and safety.

Playtimes and Lunchtimes

From September, children will no longer be in separate bubbles at playtimes and lunchtime. Whole year groups will now be sharing playtimes and lunchtimes as things were before the Covid 19 pandemic.

Entry and Exit Details

There is a change to the staggering of entrance and exit times however we have to be mindful of traffic and congestion on both roads and pavements around the school in the interest of health and safety.

There is a 10 minute window for every year group in the morning including a 5 minute overlap for families with more than one child.

In Key Stage 1, there will be staff on the playground to help you and your child find their classroom. Children will be dropped off and picked up on the Key Stage 1 playground. The one way system will remain in KS1 so parents enter through KS1 gate and leave via car park gates.

In Key Stage 2, all children will enter the relevant gate independently and staff will be present to help them to find their classroom. Exact entry and exit details are included below and children enter their class through their fire exit door, where their teacher will be waiting to welcome them.

We know that it is no longer mandatory to wear a mask however we are acutely aware of the current local and national situation and respectfully ask that parents and adults continue to wear masks for your own safety and the safety of others when on the school site.

Reception and Key Stage 1

	Entry Details	Finish Details
Reception	8:45am Reception play area gates off Key Stage 1 playground	3:10pm Reception play area gates off Key Stage 1 playground
Year 1	8:40am Y1 will enter through KS1 central door Lessons begin at 8:50am	3:05pm Key Stage 1 playground from central door
Year 2	8:40 am Year 2 will use door closest to hall. Lessons begin at 8:50am	3:05pm Key Stage 1 playground. Year 2 will leave from door closest to hall.

We request that children must refrain from playing in the woodland area when waiting to enter school or after school pick up.

Key Stage 2

	Entry Details	Finish Details
Year 3	8:45 am Children enter via Gate 1 Wedgewood Drive Lessons begin at 8:55am	3:15pm From Key Stage 2 Playground via Gate 1 Wedgewood Drive Children in Years 3 must be collected, by an adult, from the Key Stage 2 playground. The children will line up in their classes and the teacher will release them once they spot the adult.
Year 4	8:40 am Children enter via Gate 1 Wedgewood Drive Lessons begin at 8:50am	3:10pm From Key Stage 2 Playground via Gate 1 Wedgewood Drive Children in Years 4 must be collected, by an adult, from the Key Stage 2 playground. The children will line up in their classes and the teacher will release them once they spot the adult.
Year 5	8:45 am 5L Gate 2 5H Gate 3 Wedgewood Drive Lessons begin at 8:55am	3:15pm Gates 2 and 3 Wedgewood Drive Parents/adults wait on pavement outside of gates.
Year 6	8:40 am Enter via Gate 1 Wedgewood Drive Lessons begin at 8:50am	3:10pm Gate 3 (School Office gate) Wedgewood Drive Parents/adults wait on pavement outside of gate.

Please note, there is no longer the requirement to walk the 'mile' path at pick up times.

Year 6 parents will be sent an evolve form providing permission for your Y6 child to walk home independently if you so wish.

Dropping Off & Collecting Children

The roads in the immediate vicinity of the school become very congested at the start and end of the school day. We seek your help in keeping this area safe.

Please do not:

- stop or park on the zig-zag lines;
- park on the pavement or on bends;
- park in or walk through the car park. We ask that you act considerately and respectfully to our neighbours.

Please do:

- walk to school as often as you can;
- park away from the school and walk;
- consider residents and not block their driveways.

Celebration Assemblies

Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 Celebration Assemblies are to be held on a Friday afternoon to celebrate the successes of the week and recognise individual achievements.

Snacks and Refreshments

We are a **NUT FREE** school as we have a number of children with a **life threatening allergy**. Nuts are **strictly prohibited** as snack or lunch item such as Nutella bars, nuts and cereal bars containing any nut.

We are a **healthy school** and any **snacks** that the children bring into school for playtimes must be healthy ie; fruit, cheese, vegetables, oat bars (No chocolate, nuts, crisps (as a snack)). Free fruit is available for all Key Stage 1 children.

Children must only bring **still, unflavoured water** into school, in a sports bottle, to drink during their **lesson times**. Juice is fine for packed lunches.

PE

We would like to continue with **PE kits** being worn for the **whole day** when it is your child's PE day. We cannot confirm which day that will be at this moment but you will be notified as soon as the class PE timetables are set.

PE sweatshirts (no hoodies) and jogging pants for the colder weather should be **light grey** without logos or branding. For those families who still have sweatshirts with the school logo on, these are fine.

Please ensure your child does not wear earrings on their PE day in the interest of health and safety.

Uniform

There are **no changes** to the uniform policy for September 2021. However, should the sun continue to shine then children may wear the summer uniform until the end of the first autumn half-term.

Details of uniform including PE kit and appropriate school bags, can be found in the school prospectus on the school website.

Long hair must be tied up.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds the only jewellery permitted is a wrist watch (digital/analogue) and ear rings.

Children must not wear Smart Watches or devices that can connect to internet, phone or have games on. Children may wear a simple/basic 'Fitbit' or pedometer.

Ear rings must be plain silver or gold stud ear rings only – children will be required to remove any all other jewellery.

Medications

Please notify the school if your child has any **new or pre-existing medical requirement** such as asthma, allergies, diabetes or any other long-term conditions.

We are only permitted to administer **prescribed medications** such as antibiotics in school. If you require us to do so then you must bring the medication to the school office and complete the relevant paperwork.

We **are not permitted** to administer **over the counter medication** such as calpol or throat sweets. Please note that children must not have any medication including throat sweets in their school bag or pockets. However, should your child require this then parents or guardians are welcome to arrange to call into school to administer this.

Asthma - If your child requires the use of an inhaler, please notify the school office and complete the relevant paperwork detailing dosage and frequency of medication and giving permission to use the school's emergency inhaler. You will need to order an inhaler for your child from their doctor to keep in school at all times. **Inhalers must be brought into school on Thursday 2nd September 2021.**

Long term medical conditions – If your child has regular, prescribed medication for a long term condition, such as a prescribed allergy medication. Please notify the school office and complete the relevant paperwork along with the relevant prescribed or emergency medication. **Prescribed medication must be brought into school on Thursday 2nd September 2021.**

Communications

We are an approachable school so if you need any information or answers to questions please speak to the school office or your child's class teacher first. Please appreciate that teachers are busy teaching their classes every morning and are not available unless it is an emergency. However teachers are available to meet after school. Face to face conversations are always best but if this is not possible then phone the office and request that the teacher returns your call after school closes providing brief details of your enquiry.

We hope you have a wonderful and safe summer with friends and family and we look forward to welcoming the children back on Thursday 2nd September 2021.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs H L Pitt

