



Information for Staff, Governors, Parents, Carers and Students for the full re-opening of Lacon Childe School in September 2020

Context

On the 2nd July, the Government and Department for Education outlined their plans for the complete re-opening of all schools for all children in September 2020.

As a Leadership Team, we have discussed the guidance and attempted to provide a solution which allows for this to happen at Lacon Childe School. I can assure you that it has not been easy as we have had to make very bespoke arrangements due to our location, transport, building space and from what we know of our students.

There is so much information and guidance that needs to be shared with you all that we have decided to release this guidance in a series of updates. The first instalment will cover:

- **September start dates**
- **Uniform**
- **Access to the school site**

The following contains initial information we wish to share with everyone at or involved in our children's education at this school. These guidelines will not be replicated in full anywhere else in the country as they are specific to our circumstances. At all times, our priority must be keeping our children and staff safe, well, and happy.

September start dates

We were scheduled to have 2 Professional Development Days on the 1st and 2nd of September. Because we have been unable to hold our usual transition days, we have taken the decision to have just one PD day with **Wednesday 2nd September being a New Intake Day**, just for Year 7 students. As transport will not be available, we are asking parents and carers to drop their children off at school for 8.45am and collect them at 3.15pm. Any children who can walk or cycle to school should do so. This is what we would have expected had we held this day in June/July.

Years 10 and 11 will return to school on Thursday 3rd September

Years 8 and 9 will return on Friday 4th September

This will enable us to have a gradual return to school, explain the new guidelines and settle year groups into school in an organised and orderly fashion. We are doing this because of the situation we find ourselves in. School transport will be available from the 4th September.

Uniform

We are expecting all students to be in correct school uniform from day 1. Uniform should be cleaned regularly in accordance with the guidance from Public Health England. Guidance on school uniform regulations can be found on the school website.

<http://lacon-childe.org.uk/general-office/uniform>

When students have a PE lesson, they must come to school in full PE kit. Black tracksuit bottoms and black school PE hoodies can be worn if the weather is cold. They will not need to change. Bags and coats will be stored safely in the changing rooms during PE lessons.

We have the highest expectations in terms of our uniform standards which we will always maintain.

Access to the school site

Due to restrictions and guidance being put in place, the following will be expected from September:

- I. All students will enter school through the top car park gates. The side gate by the footpath will remain closed. This also applies to our school minibuses; our drivers will drop students at the top gate on arrival.
- II. All students will leave via the top car park gates except for those students who use our minibus service. They will go directly to the school minibus parking area.
- III. Parents must not come onto the school site to collect children, unless specifically requested by school. The top car park will be used by buses and staff cars - **there will be no room for parents to use this car park**. Please arrange to pick up at one of the town car parks close to school.
- IV. Parents must only come into school if an appointment has been made.
- V. We will limit the number of external agencies coming into school.
- VI. We will look to arrange meetings via Microsoft Teams wherever possible.
- VII. Once school closes there should be no-one on the school site.

These are challenging times. We all want our children back in school in a safe, caring and happy environment. We need to work together to ensure that we can provide the best possible experience for our children. There can be no grey areas in this; we will not allow anyone to compromise any child's safety at school. Together we can provide high quality education for our children leading to success and achievement.

The next instalment will cover

- Transport to school
- Car parking

With a further letter covering

- Equipment/Bags
- Social time, break and lunch times
- Movement around school

This will be with you on Friday 10th July.

There is so much information that I am required to share with you, and I hope that by breaking it down into manageable chunks it will not seem quite so overwhelming.

Please continue to stay safe, well and healthy.

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