



Langley School | October 2021 Newsletter

4th October 2021



Good-bye September, hello October!

It has been a busy, happy and productive start to the school year. The new staff have settled in really well and added their energy, positivity and skills to the great staff team already here! The students seem really happy to be back and are learning well. Covid management has brought many challenges - we will continue to work with you on that. I finish at Langley on Friday 8th October and Denise Fountain will take over w/b 11th October. There will be a smooth and ongoing handover!



Key Dates

6th September	Teacher Training Day
7th September	Term starts for students
15th September	Teacher Training Day
25th -29th October	Break for Half Term
3rd November	Parents' Evening 3.30-5.30



Attendance

Please report any absences before 7.30am to our school office team via phone:



0121 675 2929



Professionals

Speech and Language Therapists

Our Speech and Language therapists, Laura, Khavita and Louise have been working hard in school getting to know your children. They will be working closely with class teams over the coming weeks to ensure classroom environments support communication and access to learning.

Occupational Therapist

Emma Storey, the school's occupational therapist is due to start work at Langley on 7th October. We are looking forward to working with her.

Steve Brown (Behaviour Support)

Steve Brown continues to work with class teams to support positive behaviour management across the school. He has recently delivered staff training on Team Teach techniques and de-escalation strategies. His professional expertise and guidance is invaluable.



Langley is now an Operation Encompass school. This means we are equipped to support your child should they be exposed to or involved in any domestic incident where the police have been called.



Coronavirus

Throughout our nation, many of the protective measures have been lifted, however we recognise in our school context we have a responsibility to protect our school community, both the pupils and staff within it. Whilst we no longer have bubbles in place, we continue to have additional measures in place e.g. staff are supplied with medical grade PPE when working with your children, additional cleaner continues to work throughout the school day.

Our current Risk Assessment can be found on our school website, under the coronavirus tab.

Interpreting what are coronavirus symptoms and what are signs of being poorly can be tricky. The school flowchart has been put on the website to share the steps we are following to identify contacts and individuals we need to isolate.

You can book a PCR test at a drive-through, walk-in centre or via postal delivery. Results are far quicker when using the drive-through or walk-in options but the postal option is great if you have no means of getting there. Please use the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

If your child becomes sick whilst at school and shows any Covid symptoms we will:

- Move your child to a separate room with a member of staff
- Immediately contact you to collect your child.
- Ask your child to isolate at home and request they get a PCR test
- Request you share the test result with school. A negative test result and a symptom free child can return to school. If the result is positive, your child will need to isolate at home for 10 days.



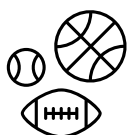
Lunchtime Clubs

JC Academy, West Bromwich Albion and Aston Villa are all providing lunchtime clubs this half term for children in Willows, Rowans, Acers, Beeches, Larches, Poplars, Cedars and Maples.



Medical Forms

Please return all medical consent forms to your class team as soon as possible. Thank you to all parents/ carers who have already returned them.



PE

PE and swimming lessons will return to normal this academic year. You will receive information from your class teacher as to what day your child will do PE or go swimming. We request that children attend school in appropriate clothing on PE days e.g. black or grey jogging bottoms, white t-shirt or polo neck, school jumper or cardigan and trainers.



Clothing

As the cooler months approach, please make sure your child has a coat with them.

In line with government guidance regarding COVID, it is important that classrooms have adequate ventilation. In view of this, you may wish to send an extra jumper into school in your child's bag

Please ensure your children's belongings are clearly labelled with your child's name.



Dinner Money

A polite reminder that dinner money is £2.40 per day, or £12 for a week, and should be paid on a Monday.



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