



## **Lyndhurst Junior School**

A King's Group Academy

**'A Learning Journey to Success'**

Head of School: Ms A Beechurst

Wednesday 3rd March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Arrangements for Returning to School on Monday 8th March 2021**

I am writing to outline the plans for the full reopening of Lyndhurst from Monday 8th March 2021 when the attendance of all pupils will once more become compulsory. I know that some of you will understandably remain anxious about this, but I wanted to reassure you that the plans we have put in place fully comply with the government guidance issued to schools and have the health and wellbeing of all our pupils and staff at heart.

We are extremely fortunate to have already welcomed back our key worker pupils and have therefore been able to review our risk assessments and make decisions ready for our wider reopening.

#### **Key Principles:**

- \* Each year group is a bubble which should help to make things feel more normal for pupils
- \* Pupils can mix with each other within a bubble but we will minimise mixing as much as possible
- \* Different Year Group bubbles will be kept apart
- \* We must ensure that the 'curriculum remains broad and ambitious; all pupils continue to be taught a wide range of subjects'. We will focus on pupils' wellbeing and enrichment alongside their academic learning
- \* No member of staff or pupil is to come into school if they are displaying any symptoms of COVID-19 and must inform the school straight away.

#### **Staggered Start and End Times for All Pupils:**

These are essential to our plans and, in order to ensure bubbles don't mix, I must ask that parents and pupils adhere to them. If a pupil arrives after the allotted time, regardless of whether the gates are open, he/she will be asked to go to the main visitor entrance in Crofton Road. This will ensure that bubbles do not mix and that any late arrivals are properly registered. It is likely that the pavement outside the school will become very busy, so please only arrive at the start of your designated drop off/pick up time and leave the area as soon as you have dropped off or collected your child. Please ensure only one parent/carer drops off and collects, if possible so as to reduce numbers and minimise risk. Please also remember to ensure that you wear a face covering when dropping and collecting your child.

#### **Drop Off Arrangements**

- \* No parents/carers to come onto the playground
- \* Please say goodbye to your child before arriving at the gate
- \* Please queue following government social distancing guidance along the relevant section of the fence. Use the signage on the fence to help you
- \* All pupils will be asked to sanitise their hands upon entering and leaving the site

#### **Year 6 - Lyndhurst Road Entrance (8.55 - 9.05am)**

**Port Louis and Lusaka** to enter via the left hand side of the gate as you look at the school.

**Cape Town and Maputo** to enter via the right hand side of the gate as you look at the school.

### **Year 5 - Crofton Road Entrance (8.55 - 9.05am)**

**Singapore and Kathmandu** to enter via the left hand side of the gate as you look at the school.

**Hanoi and Tokyo** to enter via the right hand side of the gate as you look at the school.

### **Year 4 - Crofton Road Entrance (8.40 - 8.50am)**

**Lima and Santiago** to enter via the left hand side of the gate as you look at the school.

**Washington and Ottawa** to enter via the right hand side of the gate as you look at the school.

### **Year 3 - Lyndhurst Road Entrance (8.40 - 8.50am)**

**Copenhagen and Oslo** to enter via the left hand side of the gate as you look at the school.

**Stockholm and Helsinki** to enter via the right side of the gate as you look at the school.

### **Collection Arrangements**

If your child is in Year 6 and you intend for them to walk home on their own, you will need to let the school know by contacting the school office. It is expected that children in all other year groups will be collected by an adult. In order to support as timely an exit as possible, those children walking home on their own will be allowed to leave the site first.

Parents will be allowed on the playground but must remain behind a barrier and should queue along the same part of the fence as they do in the morning. Please maintain social distancing as per the government guidance. This will allow the Lyndhurst Team to ensure the children have been released to their parents. You will be asked to enter the edge of the gate and then leave the playground as soon as your child is with you via the middle of the gate (we will have tables and signs to help you, so please try not to worry.) Please ensure only one parent/carer collects, if possible so as to reduce numbers and minimise risk. Please also remember to ensure that you wear a face covering when collecting your child. Please ensure that your child cleans their hands with hand sanitiser gel as they leave the site. Please note, you will not be able to talk with members of staff whilst collecting your child and, should you need to discuss anything, I ask that you email or telephone the school.

### **Collection Times**

**Year 6 - Lyndhurst Road Entrance - 3.15 - 3.25pm**

**Year 5 - Crofton Road Entrance - 3.15 - 3.25pm**

**Year 4 - Crofton Road Entrance - 3.00 - 3.10pm**

**Year 3 - Lyndhurst Road Entrance - 3.00 - 3.10pm**

### **What can my child bring into school?**

The simple answer is 'as little as possible, please'. All pupils need to bring a named water bottle which they are able to refill themselves. A healthy morning snack (fruit and vegetables only) and packed lunch may be brought on site. A suitable bag can also be brought in to carry items if needed. We do ask that children do not bring in electrical items or toys. We request that pupils bring suitable outdoor wear which they will place on coat pegs at the front of the class- we intend for pupils to go out to play each day unless there is heavy rain. Year 6 pupils walking to and from school on their own may bring in a mobile phone but only by prior arrangement with their teacher. Upon arrival at school, the phone must be switched off and placed in the classroom box. The school cannot accept responsibility for any damage or loss to mobile phones.

### **Other Key information**

- \* All lessons in the first week back will be taught in the children's own classes.
- \* Adults are asked to maintain social distancing with each other at all times. If they belong to a bubble, they may spend short periods of time closer to the pupils to support them with their learning. All adults will be



required to wear face masks whilst they are in the classroom.

- \* Where a member of staff does not belong to a bubble group, social distancing must be ensured at all times.
- \* The classrooms have all been reorganised so that desks are facing the front to minimise face to face contact as per the government guidance.
- \* Basic 'pencil case' equipment cannot be shared between children so this will be provided to each child separately.
- \* More specialist equipment and resources will be shared with bubbles, but will not be shared across bubbles without being thoroughly cleaned between use.
- \* Pupils are not required to bring in PE kits and will not be getting changed for PE. Pupils are asked to wear plain black trainers to school each day but especially on PE days (your pupils class teacher will confirm which days these are). On PE days, pupils must wear normal uniform on the top but with black joggers or leggings on the bottom half.

### **PE Days - until Easter**

Year 3 - Tuesday and Thursday

Year 4 - Washington and Lima (Monday and Tuesday), Ottawa and Santiago (Wednesday and Thursday)

Year 5 - Monday and Wednesday

Year 6 - Tuesday and Thursday

- \* Hot dinners will continue as normal and will be eaten along with packed lunches in the classroom. Desks will be cleaned before and after eating.
- \* Breaks and lunchtimes will operate as usual.
- \* Each year group bubble will also have access to reading books whilst they are in school. They will not be taken home. Children are encouraged to use Bug Club online as well to support their reading.

As a parent myself, I know that many of you may have a number of questions about how we are planning to keep your child/children safe. Please be assured that, whilst nothing is ever risk free, I have undertaken a detailed risk assessment. Please remember, if you have any concerns at all about your child and the impact that this lockdown is having, please do get in touch so that we can put plans in place ready for their return. Also, if your child has specific medical conditions you would like to discuss, please do contact Ms Merel using the email address:

[pastoralteam@kgalyndhurst.uk](mailto:pastoralteam@kgalyndhurst.uk)

Thank you for your continued support of Lyndhurst Junior School. We look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

With very best wishes

Ms A Beechurst  
(Head of School)

