



Friday 16th July 2021

July 2021 – Parent Update & Information

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now entering the last few days of this academic year and I wanted to take this opportunity to update you on a few important details before we break up on Wednesday 21st July.

Covid-19 Update

The government have permitted a relaxation of rules related to the pandemic from Monday 19th July. I wanted to reassure you that nothing will change in school and we will continue to work in exactly the same way as we have done throughout this term. COVID rates amongst school age children in Lincolnshire are higher now than at any time in the pandemic so far. Even as we look ahead to the future with less Covid-19 restrictions, we know Covid-19 isn't going to go away and as a school we will retain our focus on minimising transmission as much as possible.

We will continue to promote good handwashing, fully ventilate our school, continue to run as a bubble system and continue social distancing. I would really appreciate it if you, as parents, would also continue to socially distance during drop off and collection along with continuing to wear face coverings whilst on our school site. With so few days to go, we want to do everything we can to keep our school open and our children in school so they can enjoy all the exciting end of year activities we have planned.

Staff will also continue to test twice a week using Lateral Flow Devices as they have done now for a long time.

Symptoms of COVID-19

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If your child or anyone in your household has any of these symptoms, you must all self-isolate, book a PCR test and contact school immediately (**do not use an LFD home self-test**). **Please do not send your child to school until you have the results of the PCR test with a negative confirmation.**

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Warm Weather

The last few days of term look to be very warm and, as always, it is really important that all children are protected from the sun. Please ensure that your child has a hat (with their name in) and a bottle that can be refilled with water in school. We also advise you to apply sun cream to your child in the morning before school (we cannot apply sun cream to children but they can apply their own before break time and PE sessions if necessary). We do recommend using a sun cream that lasts all day. Please can you also ensure your child has a PE kit in school until the end of term as there have been a number of children without them in school this week?

Parking

Please can I politely remind all parents that the layby outside of school is for taxis and buses only? Please can parents dropping children off in cars not pull into this layby? I appreciate it is tricky to park near to school sometimes during drop off or collection, however, our school layby must be available for school taxis and buses to park in. We have a number of children who use public transport to attend our school and they are dropped off and collected via the layby every day due to our school carpark being part of our one way system. Our layby is not parking for parents and breaching this could be dangerous for children.

Parent Governor

I am pleased to inform you Mrs Dawn Berry will be joining our governing body in September. Thank you to all the parents who took part in this ballot. I would also like to say a big thank you for supporting our school as a parent governor to Mrs Lottie Eyre who is sadly moving out of the area, and we would like to wish her and her family well for the future.

FrOGS

We had a fantastic time on our Sponsored Summer Stroll and everyone really enjoyed an ice-cream when they returned to school. If anyone has any sponsor money, please can this be passed to your child's class teacher as soon as possible?

I would also like to say a personal thank you to FrOGS who have continued to support our school during the most turbulent of years. Throughout this pandemic, we have continued to meet remotely regularly, and organise amazing events for our children to raise money to make our school the best that it can be. I would like to say a final thank you to Mrs Kelly Ferguson for being part of FrOGS for many years and for all her support in raising money for the school.

September 2021

Due to the current COVID-19 case numbers and the 'unlocking' of the country from July 19th, we are waiting until nearer September to put plans in place for the return to school. Please be assured that we will communicate these with you clearly and that we will do everything we can to keep our school safe and open. We feel it is just too early to inform you of plans for September. I will meet with governors later in August when we have an up to date picture of the pandemic. I will then inform all parents of our risk

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assessment and plans for the first day of term, Monday 6th September, with full governor approval. Staff will be in school for training days on Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd September.

I do understand that the timings of the day are important for all parents when organising morning and after school routines, and working arrangements. At the moment, we are hoping for all children in Reception to Year 6 to be able to enter school no later than 8.50am and finish no later than 3.20pm (but this is only provisional). Lams do offer Breakfast Club from 7.30am and After School Club until 6:00pm. Please contact Kathryn Axton on 01507 327529 for further information.

As always, thank you so much for your continued support and dedication towards our school, and for continuing to follow our risk assessment and procedures for COVID-19 to make our school as safe as possible for us all. Term will end on Wednesday 21st July. Please do contact us if you have any questions, would like to further discuss your child's end of year report or would like any support. We can always be contacted via enquiries@grimoldby.lincs.sch.uk or during weekdays on 01507 327393.

Yours faithfully,

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