

23rd February 2021

I am sure you are as pleased as us that the Government have released guidance for the opening of schools to all children for Monday 8th March. We cannot wait to have the whole Lenham Primary family back together. The guidance is clear that children do not have to socially distance, but we will encourage bubbles/groups to remain separate and adults should try and keep distance.

Bubbles/ Groups

We will still be operating a bubble/group system but this will be bigger. Children will be placed in their Year group bubble with their teacher and teaching assistant, but also in a phase bubble. In order for the school to run, we need to have adults who can move between year groups. Therefore Year R, 1 and 2 will be a phase bubble. Year 3 and 4 will be a phase bubble and finally Year 5 and 6 will be a phase bubble. Children in Stars class will be in their own bubble.

Each bubble will have toilets and outside zone designated to them.

Arrival and Dismissal

Drop off is from 8:45-9:00

Collection is 3:15-3:30 - PLEASE collect Rainbow and KS1 first.

We will be using the same arrival and dismissal procedure as before Christmas. Rainbow and KS1 will drop off/ collect from the playground. Please do not enter the school gates until invited by a member of staffmasks must be worn.

KS2 will enter driveway on their own at drop off and walk up the drive. Collection parent swill collect from driveway. Please do not enter the school gates until invited by a member of staff- masks must be worn.

You will not be able to enter the school site without wearing a mask.

Drop off and collection will be staggered

We will open the gates on the field at 8:45. Children can arrive anytime between 8:45 and 9:05. We ask that parents stagger their arrival times to allow social distancing. The registers will not close till 9:10, so there is plenty of time.

Parents please leave site as quickly as possible, please do not chat outside school gates and keep social distance from others

If you need to communicate with staff this can be done through an email or phone call to the school office





Matthew and Elena wanted me to send you the pictures of the Mars rovers they created (Elena had a little help from Daddy!) after watching the landing of Perseverance

on Mars last week which was very exciting!



Field

We are using the field a lot due to the fence work. Please make sure your child has wellies in school and a change of clothes would be great too.

If we have a child/staff member showing symptoms

The child or adult will be moved to an isolation room, sent home and told to be tested. The bubble/group continues as normal until a positive test is confirmed. Once a positive test is confirmed NHS track and trace will be in contact with us. We have a dedicated Health Protection Team, who will carry out a rapid risk assessment with us to confirm who will be asked to isolate. They will tell us who must be sent home.

Therefore we are keeping records on what adults come in contact with what groups. We need to ask that you help us. If your child is attending a club outside school, please can you make sure that club is running social distancing measures, otherwise we will not know who children have come in contact with.

It is important that if your child is showing symptoms that you inform the school, do not send them in and get them tested.

Everything we have shared above is subject to change, based on updated Government guidance and the best running of the school.

I look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 8th March.





Albert sledging on the cross. It was his first time down the slopes and he took to it like a duck to water and we were up there every day after the snow arrived.





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As in previous years the PTFA will be selling gifts for your child to purchase and give to their Mum, Nanny, Aunty or anyone who is special to them on Mothers Day. Gifts will cost £5 each and will be given out at school on Friday 12th March 2021 or if school is still closed they will be delivered to your home address.

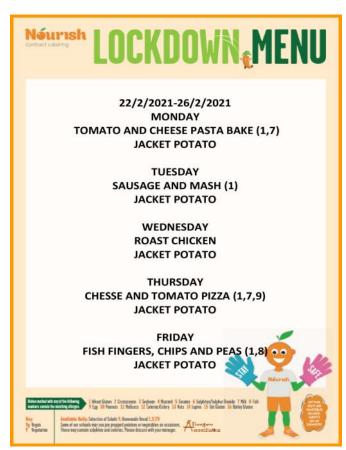
We cannot confirm the content of the gift as this will spoil the surprise! But we can confirm that the gifts will be identical, and it would be perfectly lovely to have more than one of the gift in any one household!

Orders MUST be placed and paid for by midnight on 28th February 2021 to avoid disappointment.

If you would like to support this fundraising event, please go to the link below

https://www.pta-events.co.uk/lenhamptfa/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=34432

MENU FOR CRITCAL WORKERS' CHILDREN





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As a resource for parents, we have put together some activities (on the next page) that your children can undertake at home to support them to continue reading and keep active.

To avoid extra work for your school, you can directly email us your child's completed activity at kmcharityteam@thekmgroup.co.uk. We will email you a certificate for your child for each activity they complete and that you email to us. **Please note:** - your email address will only be used for the purpose of sending your child's certificate and will not be stored on our database or used for any other activity. We will notify your child's school of their participation and that they have earned a certificate.

You can also send us your child's completed activities by post to: Education Team KM Charity Team 10 Estuary View Whitstable Kent CT5 3SE

Please put your child's first name, class and school on the back of the work. If you send us the activity by post we will email your child's certificate directly to the school. We can only return their work to you if you enclose a stamped addressed envelope.

Please be aware that we may use any work sent to us, including photographs, on our website, on Kent Online and our social media platforms (including Facebook; Twitter and Instagram). By sending the work/photograph to us, you give permission for us to use the documents and photographs in this way. Please follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram – all @InspireSchools1. We hope to have more activities on our Facebook page as well. Good luck, many of our team are working and home schooling so we understand the challenges, and hope that you will find these activities useful and fun!

Term Dates for Academic Year 2020-2021

Term 4 Mon 22nd February - Thurs 1st April

Term 5 Mon 19th April – Fri 28th May (INSET day Friday 28th May)

Term 6 Monday 7th June- Wed 21st (INSET day Friday 9th July)

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Home Activities

Design a poster encouraging other pupils to keep reading at home

Make it colourful! Put in pictures and explain why reading at home is important but fun too!

You could suggest some of your favourite books or comics as a start.

Design a poster encouraging other pupils to keep active at home

Make it colourful! Explain why keeping fit and active is important and suggest what others can do at home. Make sure you include both indoor and outdoor activities.

Become a photo-journalist

Take photos of what you see on your daily exercise walk and describe each photo OR ask someone to take photos of you exercising at home – indoors or outdoors – and describe why you like doing this type of exercise.

Write a poem or short story about what you see on your daily walks

Don't forget to include the colours you see and any sounds you hear. What were you feeling – cold/hot? What was the weather like?

Write a book review about the last book you have read or your favourite book

Was it fact or fiction? Funny or serious? How did it make you feel? You can include a drawing as well. Don't give the ending away though – no spoilers!

Draw or write a description of your favourite book character.

Tell us why you like them so much and what they do – again don't tell us the end of their story though!





"Writing is a way of talking without being interrupted."

— Jules Renard