

23 September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

In light of the recent government announcements and our recent survey to parents we are making some changes to the way in which children arrive at school. From tomorrow (Thursday 24 September), all children will go straight to their classroom doors instead of lining up on the playground. The gate will therefore be opened slightly later at 8.35am and classroom doors will be open from that time. They will remain open until 8.45am. The gate will continue to close as normal by 8.50am. The school day starts promptly at 8.45am.

With effect from tomorrow we will be staggering the end of the school day in order to ease the congestion around the Year 1 and 2 classroom areas. Therefore the end of the school day for EYFS and Year 1 will now be 3.05pm. If you have a child in either of these Year groups please arrive for 3.05pm, the gate will open at this time. If you do not have a child in EYFS or Year 1 please continue to come to school from 3.10pm for 3.15pm collection. Once you have collected your child, please ensure that they walk beside you as you exit the site and discourage them from running ahead or through other families.

We now request that all parents and carers coming onto site wear a face mask or face covering. In addition to this, please limit the number of adults to one per family for drop off and collection. Social distancing is vital. As you move through the site please ensure that you are maintaining at least a 2m distance from others. We will continue to monitor this and if necessary will manage the flow of parents accessing the site by closing the gate temporarily. Please do not stand on the playground in a group with other parents, once you have seen your child enter through their classroom door please leave the playground.

Included with this letter is a 'Quick Guide for Parents' relating to self-isolation. Do not send your children to school if they or anyone else in your household is displaying any of the Covid-19 symptoms. Please refer to the guide for further information.

We thank you for your ongoing support with this matter. If you have any questions regarding the information in this letter, please feel free to contact the school office.

Kind regards

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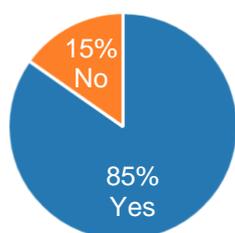
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Return to School parent survey (September 2020) results

1. How I feel about my child's return to school.

Statements	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
I feel that my child has had a positive return to school	63%	34%	2%	0%
I feel that my child is safe in school as a result of the current measures in place	53%	39%	4%	4%
I feel that the current arrangements (outlined in the risk assessment documents) are clear and working	42%	47%	11%	0%
I feel that I can discuss my thoughts with the Senior Leadership Team	44%	50%	4%	2%

2. I have accessed the risk assessment and return to school's documents. I know that these are published on the website and updates are added to the COVID-19 page.



Information regarding COVID-19 school updates can be found on the following page of our school website or accessed by scanning this QR code.

<http://limeacademywatergall.london/covid-19-parent-information/>



3. Comments from parents:

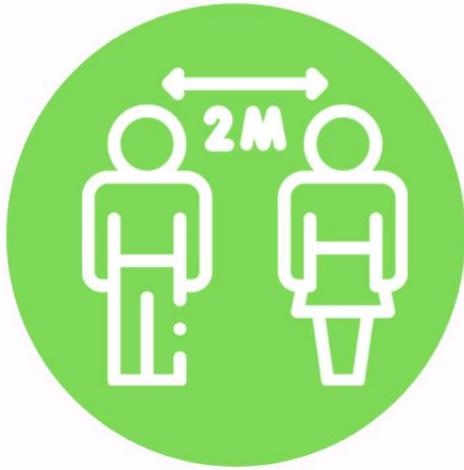
We thank you for the positive comments and really appreciate the number of parents who are happy with the procedures in place.

You said:	What we have done and/or plan to do:
Parents are not socially distancing	Posters in place to advise all parents to maintain a 2-metre social distance and we communicate this regularly in letters and in the weekly newsletter too. We are reliant of parents following this government guidance for the safety of all.
Parents are not wearing face masks	Communication has been in place inviting parents to wear these. From Thursday 24 th September, this is now an expectation for all parents and visitors to our site.
Groups of people waiting together	Due to the number of parents waiting in groups on each playground, we have changed the entry to school from Thursday 24 th September and parents are asked to drop off and collect from classroom doors, without gathering.
Children running on site and the use of scooters/bikes	Bikes and scooters must be walked throughout our whole school and not ridden on at all. Parents advised to walk with their children and not allow them to run off, play or climb the mounds on the KS1 playground. Parents to be aware of others.
Staggered start and end times	We have considered this but feel that this would bring with it further challenges, largely around parents gathering on site if they are collecting from multiple year groups and at staggered times. However, we are changing the home time for EYFS & Year 1 to 3.05pm. The gate will open at 3.05pm for parents of these year groups. We ask that parents of years 2 to 6 continue to enter the site from 3.10pm.
Number of parents from dropping off & collecting	We are urging families to limit the number of parents who collect and drop off children to one per family. This will limit the number of people on site at one time and through the one-way system.

Thank you very much for all of your responses.

Mrs Wood, Mr Newstead and Mr Harfield
Senior Leadership Team

STAY SAFE WHILST ON OUR SITE BY:



KEEPING YOUR DISTANCE



NOT MIXING IN GROUPS



WEARING A FACE MASK



**FOLLOWING THE
ONE WAY SYSTEM**



**GOING STRAIGHT TO
CLASSROOM DOORS**



BEING PUNCTUAL

What are the Rules on Self Isolation? – a Quick Guide for Parents

	If the person has any of the <u>Covid-19 symptoms</u> (a high temperature, a new continuous cough, or a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste) <u>and is awaiting a test result</u>	If the person has <u>tested positive</u> for Covid-19
<u>The individual person</u>	<p>Must self-isolate until the test result is received.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If this is positive, see right hand column. • If negative, the individual may end their self-isolation if they are well, no one in their household or support bubble has symptoms and they have not been asked to self-isolate by NHS Test & Trace. 	<p>Must self-isolate for 10 days from the start of symptoms and until there is no high temperature.</p>
<u>The person's household</u>	<p>Must self-isolate until the test result is received.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If this is positive, see right hand column • If negative, the household may end their self-isolation if no one has symptoms and they have not been asked to self-isolate by NHS Test & Trace. 	<p>Must self-isolate for 14 days from the start of their symptoms, or from the date of the positive test taken (if the individual has no symptoms). If any member of the household develops symptoms at any point during the 14 days, they must self-isolate for 10 days from the start of their symptoms and get tested.</p>
<u>The person's contacts</u> (see below for details of who a contact is)	<p>They do not need to self-isolate unless they develop symptoms or the person tests positive.</p>	<p>Must self-isolate for 14 days from the last contact with the confirmed case. If they develop symptoms during the 14 days, they must self-isolate for 10 days from the start of their symptoms and get tested.</p>
<u>The households of the person's contacts</u>	<p>Do not need to self-isolate unless the Contact develops symptoms.</p>	<p>Do not need to self-isolate unless the Contact develops symptoms.</p>

A 'contact' is a person who has been close to someone who has tested positive for Covid-19 anytime from 2 days before the person had symptoms (or a positive test if no symptoms) and up to 10 days from the start of their symptoms (when they are infectious to others). So this means anyone who:

- Is in their household (living together, sharing kitchen or bathroom)
- Has been closer to them than 1m for one minute or longer
- Has been within 2m of them for more than 15 minutes
- Has had face-to-face contact (within 1m), been coughed on or had skin-skin physical contact
- Has travelled in a small vehicle with them, even on a short journey.

You may also find [this diagram](#) about actions to take if someone in your household develops Covid 19 symptoms helpful.