

Ling Moor March 2021 - return to school (Covid-19)



Following a further period of lockdown, Ling Moor will be opening to all pupils on 8th March in line with government guidance.

After a further significant period away from school for the majority of pupils, it is important that we are able to welcome all children back with the least disruption whilst maintaining the safest possible environment.

Please do take the time to read the information contained in this document. By continuing to work together, we can limit further disruption and maximise the learning that takes place.

The guidance collected in this document is intended to ensure that the Academy is able to operate safely when potential risks of Covid-19 are still present.

The government guidelines state:

You must always:

- 1) Minimise contact with individuals who are required to self-isolate by ensuring they do not attend the school.
- 2) Ensure face coverings are used in recommended circumstances. *See the notes below on recommendations for Primary settings.*
- 3) Ensure everyone is advised to clean their hands thoroughly and more often than usual.
- 4) Ensure good respiratory hygiene for everyone by promoting the ‘catch it, bin it, kill it’ approach.
- 5) Maintain enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces often, using standard products such as detergents.
- 6) Consider how to minimise contact across the site and maintain social distancing wherever possible.
- 7) Keep occupied spaces well ventilated. In specific circumstances:
- 8) Ensure individuals wear the appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) where necessary.
- 9) Promote and engage in asymptomatic testing, where available. *This is something all Ling Moor staff have taken part in since we returned to school in January.*

Response to any infection. You must always:

- 10) Promote and engage with the NHS Test and Trace process.
- 11) Manage and report confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) amongst the school community.

<p>Pods</p>	<p>In order to reduce the risk of infection, the children will be spending their learning time in a bubble with the children in their class. This will be their class based pod. If a child shows symptoms of Corona virus (raised temperature, loss of taste or smell, new and persistent cough) in a pod, it will reduce the risk of any infection spreading.</p> <p>Our next layer of our pods is to place a bubble around the year group. This will enable us to plan lunches and break times with as little disruption as possible. In our Reception class for example, the pod has to be the whole year group due to the way in which the space is organised and the children interact. We also hope to have individual year groups on the playground together as we value the positive interaction between year group classes.</p>
<p>Curriculum</p>	<p>The Ling Moor Curriculum is a very good one. Whilst we recognise that there will be some ‘missed learning’, the learning is structured to ensure repetition of key skills and knowledge and is designed to ensure that links are made. When planning, teachers need to ensure that there are opportunities to revisit or reconnect with prior learning (or for some children new learning) so that they have equitable access to the curriculum.</p> <p>Assessment is at the heart of what we do – all adults working with children need to use their assessment skills to ensure that knowledge is secured (in particular the knowledge needed to attain at a level that is expected). Intervention will be planned to meet the needs of those children where assessment indicates there is need.</p> <p>You should have received a copy of your child’s year group Spring/Summer learning overview. Please email our enquiries address should you not have received it.</p>
<p>Well-being</p>	<p>Following another period of lockdown, it is clear that normality and routine are the most important elements for the children returning to school. We are also keen to make sure that they benefit from lots of fun, social interaction and play.</p> <p>We take well-being very seriously at LM so please do let us know if you need any support from the Academy. The Ling Moor team will talk to you if we feel that there are any concerns regarding your child. There continues to be extra resources in place to support those who may be struggling due to a sustained period of absence.</p>

Hygiene - children	All parents have been asked to remind children of hygiene importance. Teachers to revisit hand washing and catch it, bin it, kill it. Children to wash hands on arrival to school and before they leave for home. The children will also be asked to wash hands frequently through the school day. They should wash hands on returning to class and before they go to lunch.
Hygiene - site	The site continues to have a stringent cleaning regime in place. Throughout the day cleaning of common touch areas (where touch cannot be minimised) takes place.

Arrival & Collection	<p>Times for arrival will be staggered. We would ask that the earliest time that any children arrive on the Academy site is 8.25am. For those families where there siblings in different year groups, we will be supporting families with timings. Please do approach the Academy via the enquiries email address if this impacts on you. We will also be staggering the collection times to reduce the number of people on the school site at any one time.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="379 622 1479 1176"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Arrival time</th> <th>Collection time</th> <th>Entry/collection point</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Reception</td> <td>8.45am</td> <td>3.05pm</td> <td>Reception double doors</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Y1</td> <td>8.40 am</td> <td>3.00pm</td> <td>Classroom doors on field side</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Y2</td> <td>8.35am</td> <td>2.55pm</td> <td>Classroom doors on KS1 playground</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Y3</td> <td>8.45 am</td> <td>3.10pm</td> <td>Miss Baldwin’s class - classroom door on field side Miss Abernethy’s class - classroom doors on KS1 playground side</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Y4</td> <td>8.35am</td> <td>3.00pm</td> <td>Miss Platt’s class - classroom door on field side Mrs Durkin’s class – side door next to the stage on the KS2 playground</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Y5</td> <td>8.40 am</td> <td>3.10pm</td> <td>Miss Litowczyk’s class - front entrance to school Miss Stumm’s class - classroom door on KS2 playground</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Y6</td> <td>8.35am</td> <td>3.00pm</td> <td>Year 6 will be asked to meet with teachers on the KS2 playground and will then be guided into school</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>When collecting children, please can you make sure that the children stay with you and do not go off and play. This is in order to maintain the integrity of our year group bubbles.</p>		Arrival time	Collection time	Entry/collection point	Reception	8.45am	3.05pm	Reception double doors	Y1	8.40 am	3.00pm	Classroom doors on field side	Y2	8.35am	2.55pm	Classroom doors on KS1 playground	Y3	8.45 am	3.10pm	Miss Baldwin’s class - classroom door on field side Miss Abernethy’s class - classroom doors on KS1 playground side	Y4	8.35am	3.00pm	Miss Platt’s class - classroom door on field side Mrs Durkin’s class – side door next to the stage on the KS2 playground	Y5	8.40 am	3.10pm	Miss Litowczyk’s class - front entrance to school Miss Stumm’s class - classroom door on KS2 playground	Y6	8.35am	3.00pm	Year 6 will be asked to meet with teachers on the KS2 playground and will then be guided into school
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Symptoms and our response	<p>The symptoms of Corona virus are a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, or a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia). If your child or any family member displays these symptoms, the current government guidance around testing and self-isolation must be followed. If a child presents these symptoms in school, they will be isolated from other pupils and we will ask for them to be collected. At this point a test should be booked/taken and we would ask for any results to be shared confidentially with the Academy. Pupils who are sent home due to potential symptoms will only be allowed to return to school once the test outcomes are received or the designated period of self-isolation are followed. Siblings of a child with symptoms will also need to be collected at this point.</p> <p>Should a child test positive, we will follow Public Health England guidance. This may result in wider testing, a period of isolation or the Academy having to close pods or year groups for a period of time.</p>																																
Parental communication	<p>In order to speed up the process of children coming into school, we will be asking all parents to email or call our administration team should any messages need to be passed to the class teacher. Please can you reduce the need to come into the foyer area at the front of the Academy and we would also ask that only one parent is in the foyer area at a given time. Masks must be worn by all visitors to the Academy so must be work in the foyer area.</p>																																

Illness	In order to keep all of the children safe and avoid unnecessary disruption next year, we will be asking all parents to be very vigilant should their child be unwell and keep them at home where necessary. If a child is sent into school unwell, the potential for disruption over a longer period of time increases. Children should not be given paracetamol or other medication that suppresses temperature -this includes Calpol.
Playtime	Each playground has been divided into two spaces by a row of picnic benches. Children must stay on the side of the playground that their year group is allowed on. Staggered times will be in operation so that only two year groups are on the playtime at the same time.
Lunch	Children will be asked to wash hands prior to going to lunch. Children in Y5/6 will be asked to eat in their classroom. Children in other year groups will sit at designated tables for each year group. Tables will be cleaned down at the end of each 'sitting'. Only one year group at a time will queue at the serving area. Kitchen staff will follow social distancing guidance.
Bubbles@LingMoor	Bubbles will continue to run with amended systems in place. Children in KS1 and EYFS will continue to be escorted to and collected from Bubbles. Bubbles will be making sure that all of the children who attend Bubbles are able to stay in year group bubbles. For those of you who use Bubbles, your child's place at Bubbles@LingMoor remains for Breakfast and After School Club as the children return on 8th March. Bubbles will assume that children's attendance will be in line with bookings prior to lock down unless you have already informed them of any changes. Please inform Bubbles if you no longer require the service or there are any changes to your requirements of sessions.
Sanitising gel	Children should not have their own sanitising gel with them. They should only use the gel provided by the Academy. Sanitising gel will be provided in each classroom. However, children will always be asked to wash hands where possible as this has a greater impact upon removal of any virus.
Masks	Throughout the recent lockdown, all of the staff wear masks when they are not able to maintain an effective distance. This is part of our 'new normal' and everyday experience. Children should not wear masks in the classroom. Any child arriving at school wearing a mask will be asked to remove the mask and place it in a clear sealed plastic bag prior to entering school. <i>Government guidance states: In primary schools, we recommend that face coverings should be worn by staff and adult visitors in situations where social distancing between adults is not possible (for example, when moving around in corridors and communal areas). Children in primary school do not need to wear a face covering.</i>
Ventilation	It is really important that the classrooms are as ventilated as much as possible. That can sometimes mean the temperatures are not as warm as we would like to have them. On those colder days, please make sure that your child has extra layers. With the warmer weather on its way, we are hoping that this is not too much of an issue.
Classroom desks	The government guidance states that the children should be sat at tables facing the front. This is not possible in all of our classrooms or appropriate for the style of learning that is in place where children do not learn sitting facing the front (for example in our Foundation stage). The teachers are making choices about how they organise the seating in their classroom. They are doing this with health and well-being in mind.
Music tuition	Music tuition will begin in the week beginning 8 th March. Music tutors must follow social distancing expectations.
After school clubs	After school clubs will begin to run as and when we are ready. We hope to have these available as soon as possible.
Mobile phones	The Academy has a clear no mobile phone policy in place. The exceptions are where parents have made a specific request for a child in Y5 or Y6 to have their phone with them as they travel to school. Parents must have written permission from the Headteacher and children must deposit their phone with the administration staff. This facility continues not

	to be available and children with prior written permission must not bring their phone to school as they will not be able to deposit them at the front desk.
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