**LARGYMORE NEW SCHOOL DAY**

School Commences 26th August 2020 for Primary 3 – 7

P1&2 27th August 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are glad to see our school reopening to WELCOME back our pupils! We have missed you all. DE issued ‘The New School Day Guidance’ on 13th August and we have been busy making preparations for as safe a return as possible for staff and pupils. You can access a full copy of this at [www.education-ni.gov.uk](http://www.education-ni.gov.uk/).   Also on the website you can access our ‘Our New School Day’ which highlights all the additional measures we have in place to keep us all safe.

It is an anxious time for everyone as we prepare to start the term under these unusual circumstances. Hopefully you will quickly adapt to new routines and procedures and will understand that all of the following changes have been designed to keep everyone safe in school. We aim to minimise risk as much as possible and therefore lessen the chance of having to put everyone through another full or partial lockdown.

Please be patient with us, and with each other, as we all strive to do our very best to adapt to this new way of working.

**Dates Ahead:**

**P3-7** will be starting back on Wednesday 26th August **P3** at 8:45-8:55am, **P4-7** 8:55 – 9:10am

**P1 &2** starting **Group A** Thursday 27th August at 8:45am **Group B** Friday 28th August 8:45am

All pupils stay in school until 12. Pick up for P1-3 12 midday and P4-7 12:10pm

**School is closed for Bank Holiday on Monday 31 August.**

All pupils are back **Tuesday 1st September**. All P1 and 2 parents will be receiving separate information by email/Seesaw.

**YOUR CHILD DOESN’T NEED TO BRING ANYTHING FOR THE FIRST DAY BACK EXCEPT A COAT AND WATER BOTTLE**.

**Staggered start to school day:** There will be no Breakfast Club initially but it will reopen in due course (no date decided yet.) We are fortunate to have separate entrances to all of our classroom areas so we are keeping our staggered start as simple as possible. Please see the timings below for drop off and pick up from 1st September.

Parents will not be permitted inside the school building, except by invitation. We must ask that all parents wait in the playgrounds socially distanced (2 metres) and please don’t crowd around the doors. All communication will be via telephone or email.

Pegasus Daycare will be operating from 11:30am each day from 1st Sept but there will be no after-school activities until further notice.   Classes will operate as bubbles. Children will stay in their bubbles as much as possible during the school day, including at break and lunchtime.

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| **Year Group** | **Arrival time from 1st Sept** | **Pickup time\*** | **Pickup place** |
| **Year 1 & 2** | **Group A 8:45-9:00am**  **Group B 12:30pm** | **Group A 11:30am**  **Group B 3.00 pm** | **Staff member will bring children out in a line and handover to parents at BACK GATE** |
| **Year 3** | **8.45 -9am** | **2.00 pm** | **Staff member will bring children out in a line and handover to parents at BACK GATE** |
| **Year 4** | **8:55-9:10am** | **2:45 pm**  **FRIDAY 1pm** | **Teacher handover at BACK GATE – children will line up and follow route to hand over point to parents.** |
| **Year 5** | **8:55 -9:10am** | **2:45 pm**  **FRIDAY 1pm** | **Teacher handover at BACK GATE – children will line up and follow route to hand over point to parents.** |
| **Year 6** | **8:55-9:10am** | **3.00 pm**  **FRIDAY 1pm** | **Children will exit via the middle Gate at the front of the school.** |
| **Year 7** | **8:55-9:10am** | **3.00 pm**  **FRIDAY 1pm** | **Children will exit via the middle Gate at the front of the school.** |

* Parents and children should maintain 2m distance when arriving for school.
* Only one parent should come with a child to school to minimise the number of adults on site and please stick to allocated time slots.
* Parents will not be allowed to wait on site in the morning. There will be NO cars allowed in the school to stop and park (with exception of school staff, EA transport vehicles and essential visitors)
* There will be markings on the ground to assist children lining up. Only pupils and school staff allowed in the main school building. On a wet day the children will go straight to their classroom.
* Leadership Team plus additional staff will be out in the mornings and afterschool where possible to monitor social distancing and to welcome the children.
* Pegasus will commence Tuesday 1st September. Location will be the Dining hall.

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR ONE WAY SYSTEM IN LARGYMORE DRIVE. When you come in off Largymore Link turn left and follow the road around to the back gate of the school. Please be mindful of neighbour driveways and do not block them in.

We will try to keep school as normal as possible to settle the children back in but there are some things that will be different which we ask you to **help us** with.

1. Please go onto the website [www.largymoreps.co.uk](http://www.largymoreps.co.uk) and read your child the Story Book **‘Kelly goes back to school’**. It is in the Latest News and should be read by all our pupils. Talk positively about the return to school.
2. Please read the Restart at Largymore 2020 slide show (5slides) This highlights first day back, equipment required and what we have in place for Coronavirus cases.
3. Please read the COVID 19 **Home School Protocol** before you come on Wed/Thurs. You will receive another copy of this to sign on the first day back.

Primary 3-7 will have their 2019/20 teacher on the first day for a RESTART induction day as part of our Well Being Induction Programme. They will be prepared for the Transition to the next year group so that on Thursday they will meet their new teacher and start their new school year.

Primary 1 and 2 will commence with their new teacher. We have no new members of staff so everyone will be familiar to the kids.

The Free School Meals Payments stop on Friday 28th August. School Dinners commence Tuesday 1st September. We will message you through to our cashless payment system as trialled last year. Fruit money is not required until 1st September.

All other information will be on our first Friday note 28th August.

I look forward to seeing you all soon!

G Dunlop and All the staff at Largymore