

Lakeside News

'If you dream it, you can do it!'

Dear families,

Welcome back to all of you after what feels like a very long time away. It most certainly is a very unusual 2020, but I must thank you for all of the support you have given the children and us throughout the lockdown period. The staff have worked incredibly hard during this time to ensure the best for the children and I am sure you would like to join me in thanking them for all that they have done.

As always at this time of year, we offer a very warm welcome to all of our new families who have joined us from a variety of places around the world. I hope that both you and your children feel settled and part of our community very soon.

We have also welcomed some new staff to the school. Miss Wicks has joined the nursery team. We have Mr Prior who is teaching in Year 3 Owls class, Miss Russell, from Mytchett Primary Academy, is teaching in Year 4 Toucans and Mrs Johnson who is the teacher in Year 5 Hawks. Miss Walmsley has moved out from the nursery and will now be working in Year 1 while she does her training to become a teacher. Please do say hello when you see them around the school.

It has been really great to see all of the children in school this week. The small group introductions to their new classes has been really beneficial with teachers feeling like they have got to know the children already and children feeling very relaxed. Today is the first day with everyone in from Years 1– 6 so finally, after almost 6 months, we have full classrooms once again. The children seem to be taking all of the changes in their stride despite some nerves and everyone seems very happy to be back. There are many smiling faces around the school.

Thank you for bearing with us while we manage the coming into and leaving school times. Today was the first morning with everyone using all of the four gates. It is really important that you stick to your allocated gates and times to help us manage how we move so many people on and off site. Where gates have multiple year groups using them, please try not to arrive too early so children end up mixing with other year groups. We will monitor how this goes over the next week and if tweaks need to be made, I will let you know.

We are providing the children in Years 1-6 with new logins to Seesaw. The Government has requested that should a child be off school due to Covid reasons, they can still access their learning from home. Please do let your class teacher know if you have problems logging into it.

Throughout this year, if you have anything you wish to discuss with me, I will usually be outside one the gates. For issues which require a longer conversation, please do contact the office to arrange an appointment for us to speak. I look forward to seeing you all at some point!

Here's to a great year ahead!

Miss Armstrong and the Lakeside Team

Gates and Times for Collection and Drop Off

To avoid unnecessary congestion at gates where there is more than one year group, please only arrive in the times allocated to you. Each year group has a ten minute window to arrive in to ease the number of people all arriving at the same time.

Monday to Thursday (And Friday for those working families who have requested a place for Friday afternoon)

Year Group	Gate	Arrival Time	Collection Time
Reception	Computer Suite	8.50– 9.00	3.00-3.10
Year 1	Computer Suite	8.40- 8.50	3.10- 3.20
Year 2	Pedestrian Back Gate (New one which we have used this year due to building works)	8.50- 9.00	3.10- 3.20
Year 3	Vehicular Back Gate (Original back gate)	8.50- 9.00	3.20- 3.30
Year 4	Vehicular Back Gate (Original back gate)	8.40- 8.50	3.10-3.20
Year 5	Year 6	8.50- 9.00	3.10- 3.20
Year 6	Year 6	8.40- 8.50	3.20- 3.25
Siblings	Year 6	9.00-9.10	3.25- 3.30

Having been at the sibling gate today, it seems that lots of families are trying to use it. If your children do have different gate times allocated to their year group, please try to use these where possible rather than the sibling gate. This will help to reduce your waiting time and ease congestion on the pavement at the front of the school.

Friday Collection Times (Arrival times don't change)

Year Group	Gate	Collection Time
Reception	Computer Suite	12.30– 12.40
Year 1	Computer Suite	12.40-12.50
Year 2	Pedestrian Back Gate (New one which we have used this year due to building works)	12.50-1.00
Year 3	Vehicular Back Gate (Original back gate)	1.00-1.10
Year 4	Vehicular Back Gate (Original back gate)	12.50-1.00
Year 5	Year 6	12.50-1.00
Year 6	Year 6	1.00-1.05
Siblings	Year 6	1.05-1.10