

Dear Families,

We hope that you have had a lovely summer; we can't wait to see you here at school on Wednesday 8th September. In this letter, we wanted to include some key information ahead of the start of term to answer any questions you might have. As always, if you have any further questions, don't hesitate to get in touch with us.

Responding to the Pandemic

As a school, and following the Government's guidance, we will continue to be **responsive to the pandemic** and make any changes we might have to make here at Ludgvan to minimise risk. That said, the start of this year will certainly feel more normal than the last couple of years.

What we will do as a school

Ventilation continues to be important and we will be ensuring that the building remains well ventilated.

Hand washing, cleaning and hygiene are essential. We will continue to ensure that we all wash hands regularly. We know that some pupils like their own sanitiser which is fine – please speak to your child about how to use this responsibly. The school continues to be **thoroughly cleaned** by our cleaning staff and **Lateral Flow Tests** are used twice weekly by school staff for asymptomatic testing in line with Trust and Government guidance.

As Cornwall is currently an '**Enhanced Response Area**' due to high levels of COVID19, we will remain vigilant and may bring additional measures back in if necessary.

Start of the day

We ask that pupils across all year groups **arrive at school between 8:45am and 9:00am** ready for a prompt registration so that learning can begin immediately. We will continue welcoming all children to their classrooms via their outside door rather than all 210 children entering through the main entrance. Staff will be available on the site to guide you if you are unsure of where your child's new classroom is.

End of the day

Reception, Y1 and Y2 will be collected from **classroom doors at 3.00pm**. Please then exit in the same way as you do at drop-off.

Year 3 will come onto the **infant playground** at **3.10pm** to be collected by parents and **Y4** will be collected from their **classroom door** at the same time.

Year 5 will come onto the **infant playground** at **3.20pm** to be collected by parents and **Y6** will be collected from their **classroom door** at the same time.

Assemblies

We can't wait to get back to assembly time together! We will however return to this gradually as moving straight to all of us in the hall together feels like a big step. We will initially hold **phase assemblies** with 3 or 4 classes together and move to whole school **assemblies** as this term progresses and we continue to monitor levels of the virus.

Playtimes and Snacks

Another exciting return to normal! Lots of our children have only had playtime as a class or a year group for the last eighteen months so we look forward to returning to more relaxed playtimes again. Children are encouraged to bring a **healthy snack** for break and not chocolate, crisps or cakes. Children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 have access to the Government's 'Free Fruit for Schools' provision where fruit is provided each day therefore meaning that these pupils won't need to bring a breaktime snack into school, however they still can if they choose to.

Please note that snacks with **nuts are not to be brought into school**. We have some members of our school family who are severely allergic.

Uniform

From next year, we will be making a slight tweak to our **uniform expectations**. Because children wearing their **PE kit** to school has resulted in much less PE time being lost to changing, lost PE kit etc, we will be continuing with this next year. We will also be increasing the profile of our **farm learning** and **forest school** provision, both of which will be led by Mr Richards. We appreciate that for days that your children will be doing much of their learning outside, with a greater likelihood of getting muddy etc, our traditional uniform may not be the best option. Therefore, our uniform expectations from September, will be as follows:

Normal School Days	PE Days	Forest School/Farm Days
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ludgvan School sweatshirt/cardigan • White Polo shirt (with or without logo) • Grey trousers/shorts/skirt/dress • Blue/White gingham dress • Black shoes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ludgvan School sweatshirt/cardigan or hoodie • Ludgvan School PE t-shirt (in team colour) • Black shorts/jogging bottoms (with or without school logo) • Trainers (not plimsolls) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ludgvan School sweatshirt/cardigan or hoodie • Ludgvan School PE t-shirt (in team colour) • Black shorts/jogging bottoms (with or without school logo) • Sensible shoes

All uniform is available from our supplier
<https://www.exhibit1clothing.com/ludgvan-school.html>

Your class teacher will inform you about which days are PE days and outdoor learning days at the start of term.

The FLS will be holding a pre-loved uniform stall at the beginning of term where you will be able to pick up good quality second hand uniform.

Lost Property

The lost property in school can mount up – please **check everything is named** so that things can be returned.

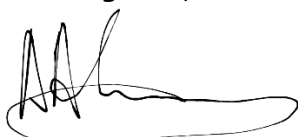
Keeping in touch

The school office team are happy to help with any questions you might have. The office hours are 8.30am to 4.00pm.

Following feedback from our parent survey in July, we will be streamlining out communication channels. We will moving towards using **Class Dojo** as our primary means of communication, so please ensure you have downloaded the app. If you have any issues with this, please speak with your class teacher. We will continue to use our Facebook page to celebrate achievements and remind you about events, but will be scaling back our use of text and email. We hope this will enable everyone to locate communications more easily and improve our effectiveness in this area.

We can't wait to see you on Wednesday 8th September!

Kind regards,



Adam Anderson

Principal