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Dear Families,

I hope this letter finds you all well and you are enjoying your summer break. Further to the attached letter from our Chief Education Officer I just wanted to give you some additional information as timely as possible.

The staff and I are absolutely delighted that we can now welcome all children back on the 12<sup>th</sup> of August and we continue to focus on the safety and wellbeing of all as our main priorities. This baseline continues to require a great deal of thought and consideration and I continue to ask for your patience and support in advance as we move forward with this next phase of recovery.

At present, the scientific evidence supports that there is no longer a need for children to socially distance but there is still a need for stringent infection control measures and the recommended 2m distance still pertains for all adult interactions. Much of the work we did prior to the summer break will still stand and we are well placed to support a safe return to school. I have updated the family information sheet which is attached and I ask you to find ten minutes to go over this with your family in the coming days.

For your information, the bubble information we issued prior to the holidays will now extend to whole classes and we are fortunate to have been given additional staffing this year which allows us to run with an 8 class structure of straight stages with two p7s. I will be in touch next week with further information on classes but I have tried to alter as little as possible in regards to the information that was issued in June.

In terms of sign-posting important information I would like to bring the following to your attention;

All pupils will return on the 12<sup>th</sup> but there may be slight variations in start and end times of the school day to support safe entry and exit to and from school. There will be more information on this issued next Wednesday.

**Co-operation, Creativity, Honesty, Inclusion, Kindness, Respect**

Primary 1 will have a reduced day on the 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> to allow safe transition and new routines to be established. The p1 day will be 10-2.30pm, again there will be more information to follow.

Given the strict guidance on 2 metre social distancing for all adults, parents will no longer be able to congregate in the playground for health and safety reasons. I am currently working on a protocol for the safe pick up and drop off of children and I ask for your patience and understanding on this. My absolute priority and responsibility is family safety and any protocol is directly informed by the most recently published *Government Guidance*. I ask you to bear in mind that this is just an interim measure and as soon as we can go back to what we had before we will do that.

I appreciate that the full re-opening of our school will be met with some anxiety for many families and the team at Lennoxton Primary and I continue to be highly committed to leading the children, families and wider community through this next period of recovery confidently and with as much transparency as possible.

As always, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Very best wishes,

**Rona Coughlan**

Head Teacher

And all the Team at LPS!