

Lockdown LMS Matters

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Congratulations to

**Bracken &
Brambles**

who achieved **99.7%**
attendance this week!!

**Well done
everybody!**

Dear Parents and Carers,

May I start with a warm welcome back to our whole school community. It's so great to have you all back with us and to see so many happy smiling faces every day. To be honest, school has been a little weird. As I have walked around this week, it is like we have never been away! This is every credit firstly to the staff, who have ensured your children have settled as best as possible, both socially and academically, and to the children who clearly want to be here! Long may this continue.

This week has also seen the launch of our **RECOVERY CURRICULUM V.2** where we are basing our learning on Matthew Syed's book **DARE TO BE YOU**. Hopefully your children have already spoken to you about a new child in their class (Kid Doubt). He is the voice in your head that holds you back, that makes you anxious or worried about fitting in. Everyone has their own Kid Doubt, and everyone has their own issues and worries. 'Dare To Be You' will help them to find ways to silence this voice, to be confident in the person they are and resilient when things don't quite go to plan. I have attached full details of the book with this newsletter – to hopefully give you a flavour of what we are doing with the children.

COVID is still a huge part of all of our lives and, as you are aware, all of our school staff are now self testing at home twice a week. But did you know that as parents/carers of school age children, you can also test your household at home too? **PARENTS AND CARERS CAN ACCESS TWICE WEEKLY (NO SYMPTOMS) HOME TESTING KITS** via their employers (if they offer testing to their employees), at a local test site, by collecting a home test kit from a test site or by ordering a home test kit online. Rapid flow test kits for home use can be collected from some local testing sites. You can find out where by using this search tool: <https://find-covid-19-rapid-test-sites.maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/>. For those who are unable to collect the rapid test kits, a limited number are available to order online: <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>. The full guidance for households and support bubbles of school pupils and staff now eligible for twice-weekly rapid testing is available here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>. Please also see, attached to this newsletter, a letter from the Director of Public Health at MK Council. It contains some useful information.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS are now planned to take place over the week 12th-16th April. These will once again take place virtually. Please look out for a Google Form from your child's class teacher to book your preferred time slot(s). More details to follow but we just wanted you to have the dates in advance.

Unfortunately this week, the return of children has highlighted just how **UNSAFE AND UNKIND** some of our children (particularly the older ones) have been online over lockdown. It appears a number of children are very happy to say things online or via a group chat that they wouldn't say in person. Please, please, please, as parents, check your children's devices and phone! Just because you use social media and think it's ok, doesn't mean it's safe for your children. Something such as a group chat can leave your children wide open to things I know you would not like them to see or read.

Finally this week some good news. The PALS lottery which I mentioned during lockdown has produced a winner from LMS with a £20 prize – well done and we hope more parents can support this. If you wish to play, please go to www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/play.

This has been a long first week back and if the children are as half as tired as the staff are — they need a peaceful weekend.

Stay safe – just rest.

Mr Gray

Please remember, **DO NOT** send your children into school if they are displaying any of the following symptoms:

New continuous cough and / or high temperature and / or a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell.

Please note that, now we are back at school, earrings should be removed as should hair colourings; patterns shaved into hair also need to cease please. We are operating our full school uniform policy (excluding shoes that don't fit).

STEP 1

8 March

29 March

EDUCATION

8 MARCH

- Schools and colleges open for all students
- Practical Higher Education courses

SOCIAL CONTACT

8 MARCH

- Exercise and recreation outdoors with household or one other person
- Household only indoors

29 MARCH

- Rule of 6 or two households outdoors
- Household only indoors

BUSINESS & ACTIVITIES

8 MARCH

- Wraparound care, including sport, for all children

29 MARCH

- Organised outdoor sport (children and adults)
- Outdoor sport and leisure facilities
- All outdoor children's activities
- Outdoor parent & child group (max 15 people, excluding under 5s)

TRAVEL

8 MARCH

- Stay at home
- No holidays

29 MARCH

- Minimise travel
- No holidays

EVENTS

- Funerals (30)
- Weddings and wakes (6)

STEP 2

No earlier than 12 April

At least 5 weeks after Step 1

EDUCATION

- As previous step

SOCIAL CONTACT

- Rule of 6 or two households outdoors
- Household only indoors

BUSINESS & ACTIVITIES

- All retail
- Personal care
- Libraries & community centres
- Most outdoor attractions
- Indoor leisure inc. gyms (individual use only)
- Self-contained accommodation
- All children's activities
- Outdoor hospitality
- Indoor parent & child groups (max 15 people, excluding under 5s)

TRAVEL

- Domestic overnight stays (household only)
- No international holidays

EVENTS

- Funerals (30)
- Weddings, wakes, receptions (15)
- Event pilots