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Dear Parent/Carers,

Following the summer holidays, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everybody (new and returning families) to Lakeside Primary School. Last academic year was certainly different and one that I have never experienced in my 14-year professional career and one I hope will not be repeated. It was a challenging year to say the least for all, but with the start of this new term I am excited to welcome the whole school back after what has been a very long 'break'. Firstly, I would like to thank those families who shared their experiences of the summer break on Twitter. Myself and all of the staff have enjoyed seeing what you have been getting up to and has been a valued insight to seeing those children who we have greatly missed.

Secondly, it has been lovely to see all the pupils looking so smart in their new school uniforms and I am eager to see how they will settle into their new surroundings. There was a real buzz of excitement and enthusiasm when I greeted everyone this morning and although the start to this year has been different to any other, it is pleasing to see that both the staff and the children still exude that Lakeside spirit of enthusiasm and determination to succeed during these strange times.

Although COVID-19 has caused lots of disruption over the past few months, the staff and I are determined that the year 2020-21 will be just as productive and successful for our children as ever. We will initially be focussing on the core subjects of English and Mathematics, as these are the cornerstone to a good education, but appreciate that many of our pupils will not have accessed formal learning since March. To ensure that they reintegrate into school as seamlessly as possible, afternoon learning will focus on pupil wellbeing and lessons will focus on 5 key themes:

1. Relationships
2. Community
3. Resilience
4. Growth Mindset
5. Personal Space.

At Lakeside, we believe Reading is of great importance and is the gateway to knowledge and true learning. Our love of reading throughout the school is infectious and we will not be letting COVID-19 restrictions dampen that.

Your child will bring home a new reading book on Tuesday, 8 September. From then on, reading books for each class will be changed on a Tuesday. We ask that your child returns their reading book along with their reading diary on a Monday, for a new one to be given the next day. We appreciate that in Key Stage 2 it may take longer than a week to read their home reading book, therefore the book will need to be returned on the Monday after they finish it. Books returned will be kept out of circulation for the remainder of the week. We have purchased brand new reading diaries for the whole school. These new diaries put an emphasis on children recording what they liked (or did not like!) about the book they have read and developing the ability to articulate this. We ask that you fill this in at home with your child. With their new home reading book on

the 8 September, children will also bring home a set of questions that you can use at home when reading with your child.

Children will not be bringing home a library book as they did last year. However, they will still have access to library books in their classroom. EYFS and KS1 will be able to choose their library book from a selection of library boxes at the beginning of the week; KS2 will have the opportunity to choose a book from the library during their ICT slot. These books will be kept in the children's individual trays and opportunities will be given throughout the week for children to read the books they have chosen.

We know that many of you will have home reading and library books at home from March. We kindly ask that you return these to your child's new class teacher if you have not already done so.

As well as a reading book, children will bring home weekly spellings on a Tuesday. Your child will also practise these spellings in school in fun and different ways – writing them backwards and in coloured pens; creating flashcards and putting them into sentences; looking up their meaning in the dictionary and thinking of mnemonics to remember the spelling. We encourage you to use similar ways to enjoy learning spellings at home.

Each class has an allocated slot for PE, we ask that your child brings their PE kit in on that day (see below) and takes it home to be washed at the end of the day. Please ensure all your child's PE kit is labelled.

Year group	PE day
Reception (Ducklings)	Children will not need their PE Kit to start with.
Y1 (Owls)	Thursday
Y2 (Hedgehogs)	Monday
Y3 (Dragonflies)	Monday
Y4 (Foxes)	Thursday
Y5 (Badgers)	Wednesday
Y6 (Swans)	Friday

Yours sincerely

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