

Welcome back to Cambrai!

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that this letter finds you all well. I am delighted to be writing to you with regards to the full reopening of school next week; I could not be happier when I think about our school family being back together again. When I allow my mind to imagine what the end of the school year may look like, I almost daren't allow myself to consider it: sports days, summer fairs, trips, family sessions in school, face to face parents evenings... the list goes on. Fingers crossed that things continue to progress well and we get there!

Again, I want to thank you all so much for all of the hard work that it has taken to keep your children engaging with the home learning, for those of you at home. I do not underestimate the challenges that you will have faced – or how much you will have been 'hanging on' for children to return... but YOU MADE IT – and hopefully we are now through the last of the national closures. From the bottom of my heart, thank you.

Please continue to do all you can to minimise the risk of spread of coronavirus – sticking to the rules and always remembering that your actions with your family, can very quickly affect all of the families at Cambrai. We have been so fortunate at Cambrai so far – long may it continue!

Monday 8th – Welcome Back!

On Monday, we will resume the approaches and plans that were in place at the end of 2020.

Key information that you need to know:

- Enter the school by your **specific entrances**: Reception through the MUGA, Year 1, a long the front of the school
- Adults are requested to **wear face coverings** at drop off and pick up times – and always stay at least 2m away from staff and each other. Children will not need to wear face coverings in primary schools across the country
- Children will wear **school uniform** – but if something no longer fits, don't worry – just do your best until you are able to source what you need
- **Please return all school reading and library books** – we will be checking in what went out prior or during to lockdown, then the usual weekly allocation will resume. I have just ordered £1500 worth of new library books to share – we can't wait for them to be delivered!
- Children will resume bringing their **book bags** and reading diaries to school each day
- The **school menu** will revert to the pre-Christmas menu – it is online on our 'For parents' page, if you would like to see it
- **Attendance at school is compulsory** from 8th March, unless your child or family member is shielding – or someone in your family home is showing symptoms. If your child or a family member is showing symptoms, you must seek a COVID test by visiting <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>, calling 119 or asking school for a test from our school supply.
- As previously, if there is a **confirmed child or staff case** within a 'bubble', the bubble would close and remote learning would resume. Further guidance would be provided at the time – as guidance, as we know, does change regularly!
- Access to the building for parents is still, sadly, limited to essential access
- Staff continue to be tested for COVID twice weekly, but **parents and childcare bubbles can now also access this testing** service, if you wish. Details are here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff#how-to-get-a-rapid-lateral-flow-test> Currently, the nearest test collection site is Northallerton, but you can order for tests to be delivered to your home from this webpage too. We do not need to know if you do or do not sign up to the service – just if a positive test is confirmed in your household – as has always been the case.

The Nest!

Before lockdown, we opened our new wraparound provision, 'The Nest'. The Nest is open each day from 7.30am, to 5.45pm each evening – with a breakfast and light tea served each day. Clearly, because of the school partial closures, The Nest has run at a significant loss to the school – which is to be totally expected, but we ask that if you need wraparound care that you please use us! Costs are £4 for a morning session and £7 for an evening session.

We are so disappointed to say that from Friday 5th March, SIMS Pay will no longer be providing the Wraparound Care function meaning you will not be able to book sessions for The Nest after this Friday. Due to an error on SIMS Pay's behalf, we were only informed on Monday and have been trying to resolve the issue since then!

We have now come up with a solution which one of our family of schools currently does for their wraparound care provision.

We will have to return to manually booking the sessions in via email kferguson@lingfieldeducationtrust.com which we will do on a fortnightly basis. Miss Ferguson has added Breakfast Club and After School Club on to SIMS Pay as two separate products which you will find under the Products – Fees & Subs tab on your homepage. You will be able to add up to £100 in to both of these products for your child to attend The Nest. Any funds which are already in your child's account and any bookings you have already made up to the 26th March will be honoured. Miss Ferguson will keep records of payments received vs sessions taken.

We are so sorry about this, it came as a real shock to us as we have only been using the system for 2 weeks! We are very hopeful that the Wraparound Care functionality will be returned to SIMS Pay in the future but for now, we will use this combined method of manually booking the sessions and paying for them via SIMS Pay.

Please get in touch with Miss Ferguson if you have any questions at all.

Movement In and Out...

Thank you to those of you who have let us know that your child will be leaving us soon due to unit movement, promotions or other reasons. As always, we are so sad to lose children from our school family! Reception, in particular, has been impacted greatly – and so far, we see little movement of families moving in to the garrison to take those places – although we will welcome a few new faces over the next few weeks. Being on the garrison means that our pupil numbers will always fluctuate up and down – we have to accept that, but it makes it no easier for us as we get so attached to all of our children at Cambrai! Good luck – and please let us know the schools which your children will be moving to so we can arrange a handover. Please don't forget where we are, if you ever return to Catterick!

Term Dates – 2021/22

The term dates for 2021/22 are now online on our school webpage at <https://www.cambraiprimaryschool.co.uk/parent-information>

Just a reminder, that children break up for Easter this term at the end of Friday 26th March 2021 and return to school on Monday 12th April 2021. (Some schools in the area have a PD day that day, but we don't!)



World Book Day

World Book Day is tomorrow – and both children in school and at home (for the daily Zoom) are welcome to dress up as any book characters that they wish!

Also, any photographs of **potato characters** need to be with us by first thing Friday morning – so we can judge the winners in our Friday celebration assembly! **This week the assembly will be at 11.30am** – the link will be in your see-saw activities from your class teachers. The entries so far are phenomenal – but we haven't had many at this point!

Take care – and I look forward to sharing the exciting things that the children get up to over the next few weeks!

Best regards,



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