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Swimming, Breakfast and after school club, school dinners, PE uniform, homework and the common cold.

Dear parents and carers,

As you can imagine, school has been a hotbed of work over the summer and it is looking pretty snazzy if I say so myself. Thank you staff who have come in to do this work, it has all been worthwhile. Then there was the water leak last week, that if it had happened in school opening times may have meant that we would have had to close school (no water for the kitchens and half of the school building!) so we are glad that this happened in the holiday and we have got it all fixed up and ready to go. Phew.

As is the way, things have changed ever so slightly and so I wanted to update you as soon as I was able. In no particular order:

We have been informed by the Local Authority that there will not be any **swimming** until after Christmas unless things change and they are in communication with the pools to work out the soonest we can safely restart swimming.

Breakfast and after school club. Please remember as per the letter 14th July (<https://www.longwellgreenprimaryschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Breakfast-and-After-school-club-letter-September-reopening.pdf>) you will need to book and pay on line. You will not be able to arrive on the day and pay as we will not be accepting cash, and we also need to ensure we have the correct staff to pupil ratios.

School dinners. When we initially planned with our catering company, we were going to state with cold lunches and build up to hot dinners once the pupils had got used to eating in their classrooms. Our catering company have worked hard to produce a hot menu that they think will support children eating safely and hygienically in the classrooms <https://www.longwellgreenprimaryschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/MENU-Autumn-2020.pdf> and so school dinners will be hot from 1st September onwards. The initial menu is a simplified / reduced menu and will develop as everyone gets used to the new way of eating lunch in classrooms - think about movement of food, ensuring eating spaces are clean before and after eating, how to reduce waste and ensure recycling ensure pupil eat safely etc.

PE uniforms. There seems to be a little confusion about PE kits on PE days. Sorry – we were trying to make life as easy as possible for you, so sorry if we confused. On PE days, please have PE kit on. This doesn't mean only shorts and a T-shirt! Of course please do wear a school jumper (not a sports jumper, please stick to the school uniform and also there is no need to go and buy extra clothes, you should have all you need unless they have grown. We have reminded you that we suggest long trousers / joggers for



winter PE anyway, (school colours please) so hopefully you have these too. In summary, just your usual school PE kit, school jumper and coats are fine too, as are joggers. Again, please don't buy new things, school uniform is all we ask for!

As we have said before, we are going to **limit the movement of items from school to home**, so please see your class teachers dojo messages on what **homework** for example will look like for the time being.

What if my child gets ill? It is going to be cold season soon (yay!). Hopefully the stringent hygiene routines in school will help slow any bugs down, but children are at some point in this year going to catch a cold from somewhere, it may not even be from school. If you think your child has Covid19, then you need to get your child tested as soon as possible. It is a very simple test and the results are very fast now. There have been over 80 suspected cases in South Glos schools in term 6 and all were negative / not Covid. However, it is important to check. At school, we will continue to monitor the health of all children as we always do, we will send children home who are ill, as we have always done not just if we suspect Covid19. Of course, we will be sensible about it, someone clearing their throat will not be sent home, but someone with a persistent cough will. I know we will all work together to make sure that all of the school community are safe and that if there is an outbreak of anything, not just Covid, that we'll work together to stem it quickly so that the impact is minimised.

As I said in my last letter, we all just want to have the children back now and get on with schooling! I have been speaking with my staff over the last few weeks and every single one I have spoken to has said the same and has said how much they have missed the children. We can't wait for Tuesday!

See you soon, albeit socially distanced!

Kind regards,
D Brown and everyone from Longwell Green School.