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Dear Parent/carers,

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Safeguarding information

At Limehurst we want to make sure that all the children in our care are kept safe and feel secure. A summary of the school's Safeguarding Policy (including Child Protection) can be found on the school website.

The people who have responsibility for Safeguarding & Child Protection are:

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL); Mrs L. Taylor (SENCo).
Deputy Safeguarding Lead; Mr I Wilson (Associate Head teacher).
Governors with responsibility for Safeguarding; Mr G Shuttleworth (Local Authority Governor) and Mrs S Longley (Co-opted Governor).

Please note: When in school we have a duty of care towards your child and in certain situations it may be necessary to contact Social Care Services if we believe it necessary and appropriate.

Medical information

We remind parents and carers that school is only permitted to administer prescribed medicines. The full policy for medicines in school is laid out in the School Medical Policy (available on the school website) but please note:

'Only named medicines clearly marked with the child's name and class will be accepted into school and only if it is necessary for a child to take four doses daily. Medicines will be kept safe in the school office. All medicine must be in the original package and have the strength and dosage required.'

Once at school, if a child is physically sick, we will phone home to arrange for the child to be collected. If your child complains of being 'poorly' or is injured during the school day we may phone home to explain the circumstances and then ask a parent/carers to make the decision whether to collect their child early or leave their child at school. **Our assessments are made by qualified first aiders who judge symptoms, injuries and most importantly, if a child is distressed.**



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Pupils with asthma- reminder

Immediate access to reliever medicines is essential. Parents/carers need to ensure that the school is provided with a reliever inhaler if their child suffers with asthma. All inhalers must be labelled with the child's name by the parent/carer. 'Older' pupils with asthma are encouraged to 'look after' their reliever inhaler as soon as the parent/carer, doctor or asthma nurse and class teacher agree they are mature enough to do so. Reliever inhalers for 'younger' children will be retained safely in the pupil's classroom.

Other medical conditions

As always, we want pupils in school every day of every term, but we do ask parents to adopt a common-sense approach to your child's attendance. If your child is fit and healthy, they should be in school. However, if your child has a genuine illness or injury, please keep them 'off' school for a sufficient period to until they are 'well'. In addition, this may reduce the risk of infection to other pupils.

Below is a selection of 'common' school bound illnesses and conditions with specific advice provided to school by the Health Protection Agency.

<u>Illness/condition</u>	<u>Recommended period to be kept away from school</u>
Diarrhoea and/or vomiting	48 Hours from <u>LAST EPISODE</u> of diarrhoea or Vomiting. Please see note overleaf*
Chicken pox	Until all spots have crusted over (commonly five days from onset of the rash)
Impetigo	Until lesions are crusted and healed, or 48 hours after commencing antibiotic treatment
Scabies	Children can return after first treatment. House and close contacts require treatment
Conjunctivitis	None but condition needs treatment
Head lice	None but condition needs treatment
Threadworms	None but condition needs treatment for child and household contact
Measles	Four days from onset of rash

If your child is sick the morning before school, they MUST not attend school on that day. Please apply a 'common sense' approach.

***Children with a stomach 'bug', such as norovirus or rotavirus, MUST stay off school for 48 hours, from the last episode of vomiting, as per Public Health England guidance.**

Please employ a 'catch it, bin it, kill it' strategy to prevent much of the above. Wash hands often with soap and water. Use tissues if you need to cough or sneeze and throw used tissues in the bin.



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In school illness or injury

- If a child is physically sick in school, we will contact home for a parent or carer to attend school and collect. It is essential that we have up-to-date contact details for this purpose.
- If your child complains of being 'poorly' during the school day a qualified first aiders will assess their symptoms. Usually school will phone home to explain the circumstances and then ask parent/carer to decide whether to collect the child early or leave the child in school.
- If your child is injured during the school day the same measures apply. Head injuries are always particularly difficult to diagnose. Generally, if a child complains of a headache, dizziness, or blurred vision we will always phone home to inform parents/carers.
- If your child sustains injury requiring urgent medical attention (i.e. an ambulance to hospital) school will always send a member of staff to support the situation until a parent/carer is able to attend.

We re-iterate, all significant assessments are made by a qualified first aider who will judge symptoms, injuries and most importantly, how distressed a child is.

The Department for Education have stated that where reasonably possible, schools and colleges should hold more than one emergency contact number for each pupil or student. This goes beyond the legal minimum (one emergency contact number) and is good practice to give the school or college additional options to contact a responsible adult when identified as a welfare (poorly/injured) or safeguarding concern.

Taking this into consideration we ask parents to ensure that school holds at least **two emergency contact numbers** for your child. Needless to say, each number (whether landline or mobile) needs to be 'in service' and accessible at all times.

School will only contact a parent during the school day if their child is ill and distressed, injured and distressed, involved in a 'significant' incident and/or there is a 'significant' change to the school day i.e. cancellation of an event or school closure.

End of the half term (summer term one)- Friday 23rd May 2025

Friday 23rd May is the last pupil day of this half term. School will close on this day at our *usual* finish times.

Beginning of the new half term (summer term two)- Monday 2nd June 2025

School will open for the summer term two on this day, Monday 2nd June, at our *usual* start times.

Important future date

Last day of this school year is Friday 18th July. Please note, school will close earlier than usual on this day (between 12.45 and 1.00pm, depending on Year Group). Further details will be provided after half term.

And finally, please see attached details/information for our School Nursery. At present, we have a small number of places available for September 2025, but these are 'filling up' quickly.

Let's work together.
Yours sincerely,

M Roberts

Mark Roberts
Head teacher



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