Dear Parents and Carers,

These last few weeks have absolutely flown by, and I cannot believe we are at the end of the academic year. It has certainly been the most challenging one of my career - ‘managing a pandemic’ was definitely not part of my NPQH training! However, as a school community we have really pulled together and made sure that we have responded quickly and safely every step of the way.

I’d like to say a huge THANK YOU this week to everyone who has supported La Fontaine during lockdown and during the partial reopening. I am very grateful to parents and carers for their patience and understanding as we navigated the ever-changing landscape as well as working out how to run a virtual school, physical school and planning ahead for September. A big well done to the children too, who have been incredibly resilient. It has been wonderful to see so many of them in school this week and to be greeted with such enthusiasm and delight.

I especially want to thank our PTA and parent reps, who have been a never-ending source of support and have given me some really useful feedback. I know they have also been helping parents with queries within the year groups, and am grateful to them for enduring many, many Zoom calls with myself and Mr Tirrell as we worked out each stage of school re-opening!

My biggest thank you, however, goes to the staff at La Fontaine. Their positivity and determination in the face of such difficult times has been an inspiration, and everyone has gone above and beyond to make sure our children receive the very best. They have worked incredibly hard, both on the ground and behind the scenes preparing for the new academic year. Thanks to them, we are ready to really hit the ground running in September.

I hope everyone has a wonderful summer, and that you and your loved ones stay safe and well. I will be contacting parents before the end of term with reminders about final (provisional) arrangements for September, including our new Reception intake.

Thank you again. I feel very blessed to have become part of such a fantastic school community!

Mme Mitchell
Les stars de la semaine: Stars of the week

Our pupils have been working incredibly hard both at school and at home and we are so proud! Teachers are celebrating home learning in their weekly videos; in school, the following children have consistently demonstrated our La Fontaine values and so are our stars of the week:

**Reception:** Everyone!

**Year 1:** Sienna

**KW 1:** Sofia & Erin  
**KW 2:** Lyla  
**KW 3:** Grace, Natalie, Isla

Un message: A message

Well done Reception on finishing your first year at La Fontaine Academy. It has been a very unusual first year at school! We have been amazed by your resilience and positive attitude throughout the lockdown and partial return to school.

We are so proud of everything you have done in your Reception year and we can’t wait to see what you will achieve in Year 1. Have a fantastic summer!

Mme Fortune, M. Martinez, Mme Hughes, Mme Harrison, Mme Louison and Mme Young
Les mises à jour importantes: Important updates

Please note that the following information follows current government guidance. If this changes in any way, we will inform parents and carers of any arrangements. Please keep a copy of this information for your reference in September. Merci.

End of year

School closes Friday 17th July.

School office will be closed from Tuesday 21st July at 12pm. Please contact us with any urgent queries prior to this date, as the office is closed during the summer holidays.

September key information

School opens Thursday 3rd September for children. We are operating a ‘soft start’ as previously.

New Reception parents will receive a separate letter with further details about pick up, drop off and transition arrangements.

The staggered end of day will last for as long as Covid-19 restrictions are in place.

All assemblies, sharing in learning, parent meetings etc. will be paused until Covid-19 restrictions are lifted.

Educational visits off-site will not be scheduled for the autumn term. We will still organise visitors in-school to support with curriculum.

Wrap-around care and after school clubs will start again in September (with safety restrictions). The office team and Energy Kidz will email parents about this separately.
Les mises à jour importantes: **Important updates**

**September - Morning drop off**

All year groups will start at 08:30. We will continue with the ‘soft start’, where children go straight into classrooms rather than lining up. Please drop older children off first. Drop off at the following entrances:

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<tr>
<th>Reception</th>
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<td>Year 1</td>
<td>Civitas Entrance, Nightingale Lane (large wooden doors). Parents queue on RH side of gates, along the wall.</td>
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<td>Year 2</td>
<td>Invicta Entrance, Nightingale Lane (current office). Parents drop children at office entrance.</td>
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<td>Years 3 - 6</td>
<td>Main playground, gate at bottom of playground. Parents drop off at car park gate, queue along fence.</td>
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**Afternoon pick up**

Afternoon pick-up will be staggered. This is the best way for us to manage social distancing for parents and dismiss classes safely. Although we understand it may mean some parents waiting for a short while between year groups, or walking between exits, this is the best way for us to manage it safely. If parents do have to walk between year groups, we will ensure teachers wait with the children and will make allowances for this. Pick-up times and locations below. The **14:40 pick up for Reception will start on 9th September, when the year group starts full time hours. Earlier pick-ups during transition will also be from the main playground.**

In the main playground, parents should enter via the car park gate and exit via the side gate.

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<td>Invicta entrance (as per drop off)</td>
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Les mises à jour importantes: Important updates

Health and Safety information for September

- Children will be in classes of 30. Throughout the school day, year group ‘bubbles’ will be maintained, so children will only mix with their own year group at break and lunch time.

- Desks will be facing the front of the classroom, in rows. (This is already standard practice at LFA.) Children will sit side by side, and avoid face-to-face contact. Every child will have their own books and equipment at their desk.

- All entrances / exits will be utilised to support social distancing of adults and year groups. All children will start at 08:30. Pick-up will be staggered between 14:40 and 15:00. Some year groups will have slightly shorter lunchtimes to compensate for this in accordance with DfE guidance.

- Children will thoroughly wash their hands at the start of the school day, and after each transition. Soap, paper towels and cleaning equipment will be available in every classroom.

- Children will have access to their own year group toilets throughout the day. Before and after lunch, shared toilets will be cleaned.

- Drinking fountains will not be used. Children must bring their own water bottle.

- No watches or jewellery to be worn (small stud earrings are permitted). Long hair must be tied back.

- Assemblies will be held via secure video chat, and teachers will dial in from their classrooms.

- All PE lessons will be outside. If raining, the sports hall will be used and doors left open for ventilation.

- External providers for wrap-around care and after-school clubs will be asked to produce their own risk assessments. Club numbers will be limited to ensure distancing measures can be safely managed.

Parents and carers are asked to inform the school immediately should their child develop symptoms. Self-isolation rules remain in place.
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Éducation physique: Physical education

Year 1 had a fantastic sport-filled day on Tuesday and took part in a wide range of events on the field. Well done to everyone who took part and a big thank you to Mme Parpia, M. Wagstaff, Mme Dillane, Mme Westley, M. Leone, Mme Osborn and Mme Harrison for organising such a fun day and ensuring everyone stayed safe!
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À l’école: At school

Imaginary games in Reception: This one involves Mr Honey, the class mascot!

Reception used yoga to forget about the outside world and focus on their bodies and minds.

Members of bubble 5 used their phonics, maths and strategy skills while playing this family favourite. They racked up an impressive 41 points for the word ‘quizzingly’!
À l’école: At school

Has anyone braved eating out yet? Marie Curie class decided to create their own restaurant: They made their own money and chef hats; they drew a variety of food; they then wrote a menu and made posters to advertise their new enterprise. Their first customer, Mme Harrison, was very pleased with the dining experience!
Home Learning

The children have been working incredibly hard over the last few months, whether at school or at home. Similarly, parents and carers have taken on the responsibility of supporting their children’s education – something for which we are all extremely grateful. We believe that it is important for children, and their families, to have a much-earned break over the summer. While following all government guidelines on how to keep safe, it would be wonderful for the children to play outside with their friends, to meet up with family that they may not have seen in months, or to visit a place of interest.

We know that there will be some families that are anxious about the time that the children have missed in school. We are confident that our plans for the return to school will help the children to carry on with their education and that we will be able to teach them everything that we need and want to. The most useful thing that can be done at home to support learning is to read. Have your children read to you and ask them questions about the book, for example:

- What do you think will happen next?
- What would you have done if you were the character?
- What was your favourite part of the story?
- If you could change one thing in the story, what would it be?

It is also incredibly valuable for a child to hear an adult reading to them. Choose a book that they might like (or allow them to choose a book!); it may well be something that they wouldn’t be able to read independently. Take some time each day to read this book to your child and discuss with them what you are reading together – get them excited about reading!

For those of you that would like to continue with some more formalised learning, the weekly learning packs that have been developed over the last few months will remain on the website for you to use as you wish. You could consider looking at learning packs from other year groups, if you consider this to be appropriate (although consider that the children may not yet be able to access this material independently). We have also created a new ‘Summer Projects’ folder, which has some suggestions for activities that could spread over the summer holiday and have links to several curriculum areas. There are suggestions for how children of different ages may record their learning, but feel free to use their own creativity: We would love to see what they come up with!

You will also find some links to useful educational websites and resources that will give you access to further materials should you want them.

Have a fantastic (restful!) summer; we can’t wait to see all of the children back at school after the holidays.

Please see our website page for links to learning packs and for useful educational websites and resources: lafontaineacademy.org/home-learning/