

Friday 19 June 2020



COVID19 PLAN – Weekly update

Dear Parents & Carers

I hope this letter finds you all safe and well.

I am writing to give you an update on our plan following our leadership team meetings this week and advice issued from the County Council. I will take each point on the plan and provide an update where I can.

1. Encourage parents who can, to keep their child at home with them, as this is the safest place for them

As a school we still feel your child is safer at home with you.

Edwina Grant, Executive Director of Education and Children's Services at Lancashire County Council shared the following information with schools on Monday.

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/coronavirus-updates/schools/>

The view of Dr Sakthi Karunanithi Director of Public Health & Wellbeing at Lancashire County Council is that schools can now plan and prepare for a wider re-opening from the 22 June, if this is possible. Edwina was keen to stress, the importance of continued social distancing and adhering to this as much as is practicable and that the prevalence of Covid19 remains higher in Lancashire than in other areas of the North West.

In response to this advice, our plans for a wider re-opening will consist of

- Continuing with our individual pupil/family risk assessment and offering places if we can.
- Supporting our Year 11 pupils to access some onsite sessions before they leave us.
- Exploring the possibility of continuing to offer some onsite sessions for some pupils during the summer break. There is currently no funding for this and as a result, there is likely to be a charge.
- Aiming to welcome all pupils back in September, with them all spending some time in school each week.

I will share further information on the above once we have finalised our plans.

Attendance at school continues to be a personal choice and for those parents who want to keep their child at home, there will be no consequences or fines from the school or the local authority.

2. Continue to regularly update the individual pupil risk assessment in partnership with parents and other professionals and offer places where needed

We are continuing to work in partnership with you updating your child's risk assessment alongside their social worker if they have one and other professionals, to determine if a place is needed, this is done on a case by case basis.



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Please keep us updated on your individual family situation and should it change please get in touch with a member of the Pupil & Family Support team who will be happy to work with you and determine if a place is needed and can be accommodated.

When carrying out this risk assessment there are several essential factors that need to be considered. e.g. Transport / Medical Needs / Behavioural Needs / Personal Care needs / 1:1 support need.

3. Identify consistent groups of pupils, in consistent bases, supported by a consistent group of staff members who are familiar to them

We have successfully achieved this point.

4. Continue to update our school-based risk assessments to ensure safety is paramount for all those onsite

We have a detailed Risk Assessments in place, assessments, e.g. Classroom - Personal Care – Physical Handling Plans. Drop off and collection of pupils, Entering and exiting the building, Moving throughout the building.

We have risk assessed our ability to promote social distancing and in order to do so the number of staff & children per room remains limited to 8, so the needs of the pupils will determine how many pupils / staff there can be in each class. There must always be a minimum of 2 adults per class.

If more pupils want to return than can be accommodated, we will need to implement a rota system. e.g. An individual timetable of time onsite and time learning from home will be produced.

5. Continue with our best endeavours to support those learning at home

We are continuing with our Learning from Home videos on our YouTube channel, sending home hard copies of learning packs, using our learning platforms Education City and Purple Mash. In addition, class teachers are now hosting online whole class social sessions each week and exploring the possibility of live online lessons. We enabled the Parent upload feature on Evidence for Learning and lots of parents have already begun to upload photographs and videos. If you need any help or support with accessing Evidence for Learning please contact your child's class teacher and they will be happy to help.

We are currently putting together a plan of support for pupils learning & well-being during the summer break.





6. Risk assess the educational impact of ongoing learning at home

We have completed our risk assessment of the impact of ongoing absence on our pupils' education including their social, emotional, physical health & well-being and determined **all** our pupils are at-risk from their continued absence from school. However, we are not currently able to accommodate all pupils back at school.

As a result, we will be continuing with our individual pupil risk assessments throughout the remainder of this term and summer break.

We are planning to welcome all pupils back to school in September, with them all spending some time onsite each week. I will share further information with you when our plans are complete.

Other News

Annual Reports

Class teachers will be sharing your child's annual report with you on Monday. It will be shared via Evidence for Learning. Please add your comments using the parent comment feature, your feedback is greatly appreciated. If you experience any issues accessing the report, please contact your child's class teacher. Hard copies will be posted to those who do not have online access.

Parent Consultations

Online meetings/Phone calls will be taking place Wk. Commencing Monday 29 June. At the meeting it will be your opportunity to discuss your child's report and let us know what impact the pandemic has had for you, your child and your family. This will help us with our planning regarding the support they will need when they do return to school in the future. During the meeting class teachers will also be sharing with you, which class your child will be joining in September and who the staff team will be supporting them.

Meet & Greet Sessions

We are planning to host Meet & Greet Sessions Wk. Commencing Monday 6 July. The meetings will be done online and will be an opportunity for you and your child to meet their class teacher and teaching assistants and find out which classroom they will be in. It will also be a good opportunity to discuss your child's needs and pass on and share information. The class teacher will be discussing with you the best way to support your child's transition and the support they may need e.g. Social Story, Video and pictures of the classroom, a further online meeting etc.



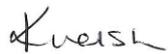


If you have any queries or questions please email me, unfortunately I may not be able to reply individually, but I will include answers to your questions within my weekly updates.

Thank you all so much for your continued support and understanding.

Kindest regards,

Keep Safe Everyone 



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