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Dear Parents/Carers

HOUSEKEEPING LETTER SEPTEMBER 2021

It was lovely to welcome all our pupils back to school. I hope you have all had an enjoyable summer. This letter contains some useful updates and reminders for you all.

Using Lancashire and DfE operational guidance we have updated our risk assessment to bring all children back together again. This will regularly be reviewed and will be updated if circumstances and/or national guidance changes. Please read the enclosed carefully to ensure you are familiar with the measures we have put in place.

We will continue to:

1. Ensure good hygiene for everyone
2. Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes
3. Keep occupied spaces well ventilated
4. Follow public health advice on testing, self isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.

Covid Isolation and illness

Children exhibiting the main COVID-19 symptoms (temperature, loss of taste, persistent cough) should not come to school and should get a PCR test. If the test is positive they will need to self isolate for 10 days. If the test is negative they may return to school. If a child has a positive LFT a PCR test must be booked to confirm this. The outcome of the PCR test will override the LFT test.

If a child has been in contact with a positive case of COVID-19 there is no need for them to isolate unless contacted by NHS Test and Trace. However, in order to keep our school community safe we would advise children take an LFT each day before school to ensure they are not asymptomatic carriers of COVID-19.

If, as a school we have 5 cases of COVID-19 among pupils or staff in a close contact group or 10% of a group test positive for COVID-19 we may need to implement further measures for the safety of our community. This may include re-introducing staggered start and finish times, returning children to



bubbles, increased testing, re-introducing face coverings and, as a last resort restricting attendance in the short term.

We are planning a full and exciting return to whole school activities once again:

Gospel Families

Our Gospel Families will be re-launched next week with lots of developments – more details to follow.

Extra Curricular Clubs, Jobs and Diary Dates

Diary dates and extra curricular clubs are being finalised this week and will be released next week. Our Year 6 children will be invited to apply to become a prefect this week (please see the [Team Venables](#) page for more information) and the Key Stage 2 jobs will be advertised during the week commencing 13th September.

Swimming

Team Venables will begin swimming lessons again on Thursday 16th September. Permission will need to be granted through Parent Pay and children will need swimming kits every Thursday from this date. If you are able to volunteer to assist with the swimming lessons please let school know. You will need to be available every Thursday from 1.30-3.15pm and will travel to Tarleton Academy on the coach with staff and children.

Class Pages

Team Nursery page will be updated every other Monday with the Home Liaison which will also be shared on Tapestry.

Team Crane page will be updated every Monday with the Home Liaison which will also be shared on Tapestry.

Teams Halton, Lucas, Rigby and Venables pages will be updated this week with Knowledge Organisers, Homework Grids and Liaison to support children's learning.

Birthdays

Our School Council met in the summer term to discuss how birthdays can best be acknowledged in school. They decided that the last Friday of the month will be a non-uniform day for children and staff who have celebrated their birthday in that month (August birthdays will be acknowledged in July). As we are a healthy school we would ask that cake and sweets not be provided to school friends. We would encourage you to buy a book to donate to school for all children to enjoy which will contain a dedication to your child in the front to recognise their gift.

General Reminders

The school bell is rung at 8.50am and registration is at 8.55am. Children who arrive late to school must be accompanied by an adult to the school office (including children in Years 5 and 6). Children arriving late to school will be marked as such in the register. The end of the school day is 3.30pm for school children and the Nursery door will be opened from 3.15pm. If someone else is collecting your

children please inform the school office before the event. If your child is unwell and will not be attending school please inform the school office as soon as possible that morning and by 9.30am.

School uniform is mandatory, Nursery uniform is recommended. All uniform must be labelled and hair accessories should be in school colours. Children not attending school in their uniform will be requested to wear uniform the following day. Please see our [school uniform](#) page of the website for more details. Anyone facing difficulties in obtaining school uniform should speak to a member of staff.

We do not encourage appointments during the school day unless absolutely necessary. If unavoidable a letter confirming the appointment should be provided to the school. Likewise medicines should not be administered in school time unless absolutely necessary. Only doctor prescribed medicines that can not be administered out of school hours will be permitted. The medicine MUST NOT be given to children but must be handed in to the school office and the appropriate paperwork completed. We may contact parents if children require pain relief. This may be administered by parents at the school office (not outside the school grounds) in sight of a member of staff.

We are a nut free healthy school. As such snacks and packed lunches must be healthy (no sweets or chocolate bars please though chocolate coated biscuits are permitted). Nuts in any form (including Nutella) are not permitted.

Our main form of communication is through the school website and app (School Jotter) and Tapestry for children in Nursery and Reception. The app does require periodic logging off and logging back on again to refresh it. Please note usernames are not email addresses but your first name and surname separated by a full stop, all in lower case. Please contact Chrissy if you have forgotten your password. Most information sent via the app is also available on the school website under Class Pages, Letters for Parents or Newsletters.

Finally please observe the voluntary one way system down Back Lane from the Post Office to drop off and collect children. Do not park in or obstruct the staff car park and please be respectful of our Back Lane residents when parking your car (please also share this information with anyone who may attend school to collect children). Please also turn car engines off when not in use.

We look forward to an exciting and inspiring year working alongside you all.

Kind regards



Rebecca Fowler
Headteacher

