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"To go forward together in Christ, respecting our neighbour and striving for excellence"

COVID-19 UPDATE

With three full weeks almost complete, we continue to refine our operating procedures on a daily basis as we search for the absolute maximum impact since our return. I am quite confident in our approach and pleased with our work so far. No return after so long off was going to be 100% smooth and I am pleased to report that the children have been magnificent in their attitude, behaviour and kindness.

You may be aware that the government have changed their Covid19 message to: Hands. Face. Space. The virus rate is rising and although education establishments are exempt from the change in guidance, I am minded to continue to observe and assess our procedures to ensure maximum safety given the powers afforded.

Thank you to everyone who has adhered to the start/finish times and are respecting the 2m social distancing rule. We really value all parents/carers supporting us in asking everyone to distance appropriately.

I can assure you that we continue to have no positive cases amongst children and staff when other schools in Pendle and across the county have been less fortunate.

It is important we do the right things, communicate well, offer a good strong dose of new normal to our children and hold our nerve.



CONTINGENCY FOR SELF-ISOLATION OR LOCKDOWN

In the event of individual class bubbles having to self-isolate, we will move to Google Classroom lessons for these children apart from class 1 who would have home learning packs. This will require pupils to log on to Google Classroom for instruction by their class teacher. Effectively, pupils will need to be online for 3 sessions per day in normal school time. Pupils in Years 1 to 6 will have been shown how to use Google Classrooms in school.

Families who may struggle with remote access to learning in the case of self-isolation or partial lockdown will be given learning packs as an alternative.

OUR NEW HEAD BOY AND HEAD GIRL



The children have voted for our new head boy and girl. We are pleased to announce that Harvey is head boy and Heidi is our head girl. They will be supported by their deputies Leo and Polly

COVID 19 SYMPTOMS

The most important symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of any of the following:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell.

Please take a look at the COVID 19 absence guide attached separately.

What to do if...	Action needed	Back to school...
 ...my child has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Child shouldn't attend school• Child should get a test• Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result• Inform school immediately about test results	...when child's test comes back negative and child is well enough
 ...my child tests positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Child shouldn't attend school• Child self-isolates for at least 10 days from when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms)• Inform school immediately about test results• Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from	...when child feels better, and has been without a fever for at least 48 hours <small>They can return to school after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of smell / taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the</small>

THE NEW RULE OF SIX

New laws prohibiting social gatherings of more than six people come into effect in England on Monday. The new 'rule of six' simplifies and strengthens the rules on social gatherings, making them easier to understand and easier for the police to enforce. It means that – apart from a set of limited exemptions including education and work – any social gatherings of more than six people indoors or outdoors will be against the law.



PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSION 2021

If you have a child who is due to start school in September 2021 you need to apply for their school place now.

Please visit

www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools
and search 'school admissions'.

Closing date is 15th January 2021

SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES

All applications must be submitted by 31st October 2020.

PLEASE REMEMBER

- to ensure all uniform is clearly named
- to have indoor & outdoor PE kits in school
- to have long hair tied up at all times
- not to wear ear rings for swimming or PE
- no nail varnish
- no hair to be cut shorter than a number 3.

FREE SCHOOL MEAL ELIGIBILITY

If you think you might be eligible for free school meals (this is different to the Universal Infant Free School

Meals), there is also a link on our website: About Us / Pupil Premium.

Thank you for your continued support.