



Archbishop Temple School

A Church of England Specialist College

JHS/CS

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Dear Pupils, Parents and Carers

As we continue to ensure a calm learning environment during the current national lockdown, I want to update you on developments in school. I am disappointed to have to inform you that we are experiencing an increase in positive cases. Indeed, prior to half term we had only three positive cases, in Years 8 and 9. However, much of my time last week was occupied in dealing with seven positive cases and having to ask pupils in all year groups, apart from Year 7, to self-isolate. (Perhaps the circuit breaker adopted in other parts of the United Kingdom might have proven supportive to schools.) Fortunately, our internal track and isolate systems have been effective in minimising the number of pupils who have to self-isolate, but I would much prefer all pupils to be able to attend school.

Could I again thank you for your continued support in working with us during this challenging time: Please be reassured that we are all committed to providing the best education possible for your child, while securing the health and safety of our whole school community. Thank you for continuing to follow public health guidelines and encouraging your children to do the same. Please do not send your child into school if he/she is displaying any of the key symptoms.

Phase One Update:

Will we ever progress beyond Phase One? We had planned to commence extra-curricular physical activities immediately after half term, but were then informed by the Department for Education that this would not be possible unless supporting parents "...to work, seek work, or to undertake education or training..." However, on Friday, I received an update from LCC, who have sought clarity through The Youth Sport Trust and Recreation Alliance, ukactive and Association for Physical Education, and we can now pursue extra-curricular sport as long as it "...maintains the integrity of COVID19 protocols such as approach to bubbles, staffing and social distancing and is subject to appropriate risk assessment." This is excellent news but also conveys the conflicting and ever-changing guidance and lack of clarity with which we are working at present.

Our Physical Education department has now constructed the attached timetable of extra-curricular activities, which will commence from this Wednesday, 18 November. They are cognisant that this is their initial timetable, and they are keen to extend this gradually over time.

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A Reminder and Message for Pupils...

Facemasks:

Well, what an improvement! Well done. You all now seem to understand the importance of wearing your facemask when moving around the school site, and particularly when moving classrooms in your bubble. Those of you who use the school buses must continue to wear your facemasks throughout the journey to and from school. (Remember! The back row is still not a COVID19-free zone!)

Punctuality:

Whilst I appreciate that two of the school buses are experiencing traffic delays due to on-going roadworks, those of you who walk or cycle to school should be here on time every day. Please do not wait around for your friends. You need to be in your bubble zone by 8.18am.

Finally, don't forget that we are living the dream in Preston! If we all play our part in keeping ourselves safe and the rest of our school community, we will be able to return to full school life sooner rather than later. (I'm still keeping my fingers crossed for a Sports Day this academic year!)

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. Siddle". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J'.

Mrs Julie Siddle
Acting Headteacher

Extra Curricular Timetable

November – December 2020



A Week Activities

Day	Sports Hall	Outside
Monday		Y8 Boys Football DT & AG Y8 Girls Netball KMc & EW
Tuesday		Y8 Girls Football KL, KMc & EW
Wednesday		Y9 Football AG
Thursday	GCSE PE (Y11) Activities DT & KL	GCSE PE (Y11) Activities DT & KL

B Week Activities

Day	Sports Hall	Outside
Monday		Y7 Boys Football DT & AG Y7 Girls Netball KMc & EW
Tuesday		Y7 Girls Football KL, KMc & EW
Wednesday		Y9 Football AG
Thursday	GCSE PE (Y10) Activities DT & KL	GCSE PE (Y10) Activities DT & KL