

Friday 12 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 the safest place for your child is at home with you.

This is also the view of Dr Sakthi Karunanithi Director of Public Health & Wellbeing at Lancashire Local Authority, who has advised all schools not to engage in a wider re-opening. He is reviewing his decision on a weekly basis. His main concerns are that the “R” number is reported to be above 1 in the North West and that locally the Test, Track & Trace initiative is not fully in place.

We will continue to closely monitor the science and safety information that is issued and will wait for further information and guidance from both the Government and the local authority, who are working closely with Public Health England to provide the best possible information, both nationally and locally.

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.

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.



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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 needs.

### **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 our aim of consistency; we now have class bases or “bubbles”. Each of these bases has the same pupils supported by the same staff. Each base is led by the teaching assistants. The class teachers continue to work from home for most of the time to facilitate learning from home. If more pupils return, then the teacher will split their week, working onsite and from home.

### **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.

Risk Assessments are also in place for 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 is currently 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 earlier this week. It's great to see that some parents have already begun to upload photographs of their child's learning and the fun activities their child is doing whilst at home. 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.

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

We are continuing with our discussions regarding the impact of ongoing absence on our pupils' education including their social, emotional, physical health & well-being.

Whilst we understand **all** our pupils are at-risk from their continued absence from school, we have decided that our most "At-risk" pupils are those in Year 11. These pupils are experiencing a significant and challenging life change as they prepare to leave our school and moving onto to a new setting. We feel in order to help and support them through this difficult time we need to provide them with the opportunity to return to school for a series of planned sessions to participate in a celebration of all they have achieved during their time at our school and to help prepare and support them to make a positive and successful transition to their new setting in September.

The class teachers of our Year 11 pupils will be in touch next week to discuss the plans in more detail.

## Other News

### Annual Reports

Class teachers will be sharing your child's annual report with you on Monday 22 June. It will be shared in the usual way 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.





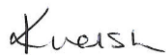
## Parent Consultations

As you know Parents Evenings were planned to take place next week, as an alternative class teacher's will be contacting you to set-up online meetings which 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 in regards the support they will need when they do return to school in the future.

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

Kindest regards,

Keep Safe Everyone 



Mr Kieran Welsh

