

Friday 24 September 2021

Update Letter



Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope this letter finds you all safe and well.

We have had a wonderful first three weeks of the new school year with pupils settling in incredibly well and adjusting to the routine of school life. It has been great to welcome the children into school each morning, and see their lovely smiley faces, they have loved the morning meet and greet with myself and Coco our school dog, she's been a hit and pupils have been enjoying a stroke and a cuddle to help get their day off to a great start. Although I have seen some tired faces especially towards the end of the week.

Regarding COVID19 we have had a settled start to the term and seem to be faring better than many other schools across Lancashire. We are still asking staff, pupils, and visitors to wear masks when entering, exiting, and moving around school. All staff are continuing to test twice per week, and we would strongly encourage our secondary age pupils to do the same. If your child does test positive, please contact your child's class teacher via email. We are continuing to operate a class bubble system, these school-based measures will continue until Friday 1st October. However, this will depend on the situation over the next couple of weeks, and if we see a rise in cases, or receive updated advice and guidance from the DFE or LA current measures may need to continue for longer.

If your child tests positive they must self-isolate in line with government guidance. Identified close contacts no longer need to self-isolate but are advised to seek a PCR test. We would strongly encourage your child (if they are able to) to take a PCR if they are identified as a close contact.

Pupil Vaccinations

There has been a great deal of media coverage regards pupils aged 12 – 15 years old receiving a dose of the vaccination, with many reporting that this will take place in school. We have not received any information or guidance about this yet please rest assured as soon as we do, we will share this information with you. No pupil will be vaccinated without consent being sought from their parents or carers. As a school we would encourage all those offered the vaccination to take it, however we completely respect that this is a very personal decision for parents/carers and young people to make.

Parents Evening

If you haven't already, please book your parents evening slot. The evening will be running virtually via MS Teams on Wednesday 29 September 2021 5pm – 8pm. Following parent feedback via our recent parent survey we have increased the length of each meeting slot to 15 minutes and brought the date forward to ensure parents can be updated with how their child has settled and have the opportunity earlier in the term to discuss and agree the learning outcomes for the term ahead.



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Holiday Heroes

We can offer Holiday Heroes over the October Half-Term, Mrs Mahood will be sending out a letter with an online form next week so you can request a place for your child. We anticipate a great deal of interest and will do our best to ensure we can meet requests; however, we cannot guarantee that all pupils will get places. Several factors need to be considered, if the young person is, already in receipt of a Direct Payment, already has access to other services during holiday periods, has already accessed previous holiday heroes' provision. Your understanding and support with this is much appreciated.

Before School Club & After School Club

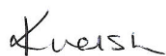
Mrs Mahood is hoping to start our twice weekly, Before & After School Club on a Tuesday & Thursday, week beginning Monday 4 October. The before-school session is 8.00am to 8.45am and the after-school session is from 3.30pm – 5.30pm. You will receive a separate letter about this very soon.

School Values

We used the start of a new academic year and reflecting on the last 18 months as an opportunity to re-visit our school values. Staff, Pupils and Governors have been busy considering the values that best reflect our very special school. We have selected the top 10 most popular values and would now like the members of our school community to help us select the top 5 which will become our school values. Please take a few moments to complete the [Whole School Values Survey](#) and share your thoughts with us.

Hoping you all remain safe & well.

Keep Safe 



Kieran Welsh
Headteacher

