

Friday 03 July 2020



COVID19 PLAN – Weekly update

Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope this letter finds you all safe and well. I have met with the leadership team and we have replaced our six-point plan with 3 Key Priority Plans which cover three key time frames.

Priority 1 Action required between **now & the end of term** to support pupils & families

Priority 2 Action required to support pupils & families over the **Summer Break**

Priority 3 Action required in preparation for our wider re-opening in **September**

Priority 1 - Between now and the end of term

Continue to regularly update individual pupil risk assessments in partnership with parents and other professionals and offer places if we can.

Continue to ensure school premises remain as Covid-19 secure as possible.

Continue with our best endeavours to support those learning at home.

Celebrate all our pupil's achievements this year, via Annual Reports & Parent consultations.

Support all our pupils to transition to their new class or setting, via sessions onsite (Y11), online Meet & Greet sessions & sharing of resources e.g. Class / Team videos, Social Stories and visuals.

Priority 2 – Summer Break

Continue to offer onsite support for pupils who have been accessing school as per their individual risk assessment.

A Summer School will run for four of the six weeks.

Week 1 Monday 27 July – Friday 31 July

Week 2 Monday 03 August – Friday 7 August

Week 3 Monday 10 August – Friday 14 August

Week 4 Monday 17 August – Friday 21 August

Pupils will be offered a maximum of 2 days per week. The cost is £15 per day and will need to be paid in advance to secure the place, unfortunately there will be no refunds if a pupil is not able to attend. Charges will not apply if your child is entitled to Free School Meals or receives PLAA or CLA funding.

You will need to provide transport to and from school and will need to provide your child with their own lunch and snacks.

Members of the Business Support Team will be in touch next week to confirm places and arrange payment.



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Continue to offer offsite support for pupils

We will be continuing with our Learning from Home videos on our YouTube channel, four videos per week throughout the six-week break.

Karen Brereton Speech Therapist will be working as normal throughout the summer and is available on breretonk@astleypark.lancs.sch.uk

A member of the Business Support Team (BST) will be available throughout the summer please contact school, by phone or email bst@astleypark.lancs.sch.uk

Priority 3 - September

Safe & Supported return to school for all pupils & staff

Our aim is to welcome all pupils back in September if we feel it is safe to do so.

Special School guidance was issued by the DFE yesterday afternoon. We have a plan for our wider re-opening in September and will present this to Governors on Monday afternoon and if approved I will share it with you on Tuesday.

IN OTHER NEWS

Meet & Greet Sessions

Meet & Greet Sessions will take place next week. This is a great opportunity for you and your child to meet their new class teacher and teaching assistants and find out which classroom they will be in. It will also be a good opportunity to discuss your child's needs and pass on and share information. The class teacher will be discussing with you the best way to support your child's transition and the support they may need to have a positive return to school e.g. Social Story, Video and pictures of the classroom, a further online meeting etc.

Mr Poxon Retirement

After a great deal of thought Mr Poxon has decided to retire. He will be leaving us at the end of term after an amazing 31 years at our school. He has played such a key part in our success and our journey to becoming the Outstanding school we are today. I am sure you will all join me in thanking him for all his commitment and hard work and wishing him all the best & hoping he enjoys a long, happy & healthy retirement. If you would like to message him personally please feel free to contact him via email poxons@astleypark.lancs.sch.uk





New Deputy Headteachers

Following Mr Poxon's retirement we have appointed two fabulous new Deputy Headteachers who will be joining the team in September, they are Mrs Kailey Clegg and Miss Karen Wells. Some of you will remember Mrs Clegg as she has previously worked at our school, we are thrilled to be welcoming her back, she is currently Deputy Head at Oliver House School, Chorley. Miss Wells is joining us from Mayfield School, Chorley where she is currently Deputy Head. They have both put together short videos introducing themselves and these will be shared on our YouTube channel next week.

If you have any queries or questions please email me, unfortunately I may not be able to reply individually, but I will include answers to your questions within my weekly updates.

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

Kindest regards,

Keep Safe Everyone 



Mr Kieran Welsh

