

Dear Parent/Carer

Just a quick update for Friday at the end of Week 3. I do not wish to tempt Fate, but so far, so good! I'm convinced that the support you have given to our safety measures has helped us to remain Covid-free in school thus far. Also the way that you have communicated with our attendance officers has made it so much easier to keep track of who is not in school and why. Thank you for the conservative approach you are taking by keeping your children at home when they exhibit possible Covid symptoms - this is reassuring for the whole school community.

The students have been fantastic in complying with the rules for movement and face coverings. There is a little bit of complacency slipping in with the regular use of sanitiser/hand washing which we are going to push harder. The phrase we have in school is: Sanitise Before, Sanitise After (SBSA). It would be great if you can reinforce with your son/daughter why this is important for reducing the risk of transmission and ensure that they have their own bottles of hand sanitiser with them.

Once again, my main message to you all is: thank you.

**Message from South Ribble Borough Council:**

The challenges are going to become greater as time moves on. I have been asked by South Ribble Borough Council to pass on the following message about the movement of young people outside of school time:

- We have recently been made aware of large groups of young people gathering at local shops, not adhering to social distancing, and not wearing face coverings in relevant premises. Whilst in the case of individuals the enforcing of restrictions on gatherings and wearing of face coverings falls to the police, not the local authority, we will be reminding businesses of their responsibilities in terms of risk control within their premises (which we do enforce). This means that your pupils / students may find themselves turned away from premises if they are failing to adhere to the requirements. Our officers will also be monitoring parks and open spaces and reporting to the police any 'hotspots' where large groups of people are gathering.

**Road Safety:**

A number of members of the public as well as our own parents have expressed grave concerns about some near misses that they have witnessed of our students complete lack of road traffic awareness when coming to and from school. Students just walk across side roads without thought that traffic may be turning, cyclists drop of pavements directly into traffic. We will advise students about their safety when travelling to and from school and ask that you will reinforce this message too.

Have a good, Covid-safe weekend and let's hope that we make it through Week 4.

Kind regards  
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Your Word is a lamp for my feet and a light on my path. (Psalm 119, vs 105)