



Executive Headteacher: Mrs L. A. Gwinnett

Tuesday 7th July

Dear Parents,

Daily Update – Tuesday 7th July

September Opening

Following the initial guidance released by the Government at the end of last week on plans for all students to return to school in September, we gave an assurance that we would keep all our parents informed of how our schools would begin to plan for a full return.

Whilst we are still at an early stage, it might be useful over the next week or so, to give an insight into certain aspects of a full return that are likely to prove problematic and will therefore require some input from parents to help with planning. One of these areas is transport to school.

Transport

We will be working closely with Lancashire County Council and other school leaders across West Lancashire to arrive at the best solution for those students who have historically travelled to school either on public transport or by school bus.

We are initially considering plans to keep students within discrete 'bubbles' whilst at school. If we are to avoid congestion on arrival at school, then parental input on what your own plans might be for your son/daughters' travel plans to and from school from September will help inform our own strategic planning.

We are clear that there will not be a 'one size fits all' solution, but rather a requirement to contact parents to seek your views and minimise potential disruption as best we can.

A **Travel Intention Survey** is currently being drafted by Lancashire County Council and once this has been communicated to all schools we will circulate it to you for your responses before the end of term.

It is imperative our parents have full confidence that bus travel is safe so that we can secure high student attendance across all our schools from September.

We are committed to establishing a set of measures that are in place across all our school buses to mitigate transmission risk and we will communicate this to all our families once these are in place.

Finally, a reminder that wider September planning is continuing in earnest to ensure we incorporate measures to ensure:

- Staff and-students who are ill stay at home
- Robust hand and respiratory hygiene
- Enhanced cleaning arrangements
- Engagement with NHS Test and Trace
- Reduced contacts and maximised distancing between those in school wherever possible
- Minimal potential for contamination so far as is reasonably practicable



School provision for children of Key Workers and more vulnerable students.

This is a request that parents and carers inform school if for any reason a student, expected in school, is not able to attend on any given day. Staff will always follow strict safeguarding procedures following non-attendance, so please contact the school to avoid staff making any unnecessary phone calls or home visits.

A reminder on additional reasons to ring/email us

It may be that you have considered ringing/emailing us but you are not sure if you should, or you don't want to put on us. If it helps, here are some of the reasons that parents are currently ringing/emailing:

- Log ons/passwords for online learning
- Support with pastoral issues in the home
- Issues and queries with online learning
- Flagging up safeguarding/mental health concerns
- Advice about how to support/motivate your children with their learning
- Just to talk to us, for advice or for another human adult contact.... which we are more than happy to do
- Free school meal vouchers/grocery box issues/enquiries

Should my child be in school full time?

We are still committed to supporting where we can so if you think your child needs to be in school please consider the following criteria:

- You are a critical worker, or you are now required to go into work because you can't easily work from home, you have nobody in the home to ensure your children are suitably supervised and you are concerned about their vulnerability at home alone
- Your child would benefit from additional support to access learning due to their special needs or other significant difficulties in engaging in and/or completing the work set
- You are concerned that your child's mental health is being affected by their absence from school
- You have any other safeguarding concerns and you feel these would be minimised if your child were in school

What we have in place every weekday when school is open:

- Open every weekday with a staffing rota between 8.30am and 4.30pm to support the learning of the children in school. We understand that this may change daily due to shift patterns so just keep us informed as the need arises/changes
- Keep in regular, close contact by phone with vulnerable children and their families, and provide tutor contact with other students and their families as appropriate
- Provide on-line Home Learning resources, links and updates so you can keep your children mentally and physically active at home.
- Where possible, deliver learning packs to those without internet access or equipment to engage in online learning.
- Be on the end of the school phone and address any concerns or queries you might have between 8.30am – 4.00pm weekdays.
- Deliver food parcels to those in most need on a fortnightly basis. Please don't hesitate to contact us and when you may be in need, whether through financial hardship or self-isolation, without other help at hand.

- Provide free meals for the staff and students in school, in a clean environment, observant of social distancing and other safety guidelines.
- Manage the provision of FSM vouchers

With best wishes,

Mrs Gwinnett (Executive Head and Trust Lead) and all of us in the Trust and at School

Stay safe