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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now at the end of a very strange school year! I will certainly never forget my first year as a head teacher! Thank you for all your support and kind words over the past few, trying months. I have been a pleasure getting to know you and so wonderful to be able to welcome you back from June.

I would like to say a massive 'thank you' to all the staff, who have been truly wonderful. They have risen to the challenge and have gone above and beyond for our pupils. The care and concern they have shown for all our pupils has been inspiring to see. It is true, that we all view the school, pupils and their families, as part of our school family. Thank you, all. I would also like to thank our school governors, who have supported us all throughout this journey. They have helped me make the best decisions for all our staff and families and I would like to thank them for their expertise and commitment, especially during the pandemic. Thank you.

We cannot wait to see you all in September! We look forward to welcoming all our new families – but we must also say 'good bye' to our wonderful Year 6 pupils. Good luck in your new adventure and please do keep in touch.

Please see below for a reminder of the key messages and updates.

Have a wonderful summer, stay safe and take care!

Warm wishes,

Claire Armstrong

Head teacher

REMINDERS:

School meals: We will be providing hot meals for all children in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2, who will eat at different times in the hall. Due to health and safety rules and dinner hall availability, any Years 3-6 who order a school lunch will be provided with a packed lunch school meal, which they will eat in their classrooms. Due to the complexity of organising school meals, for September, children will no longer be able to choose, on the day, if they are having a school meal or packed lunch. Please decide if you would like your child/ren to have a school dinner or bring their own packed lunch, from September 2nd. Please let the school know by emailing bursar@weshamcofe.lancs.ch.uk. If you wish to move your child either on/off school dinners, a notice period of 2 weeks will be required. This will make the job of our catering staff

much more manageable. It will also help us ensure that we can use Parentpay to correctly order and bill for school dinners each week.

Reminder of key messages:

School uniform to be worn at all times

Children to bring a named water bottle

School bags are allowed

All children must attend school from September

One adult allowed on the playground to drop off/pick up their child/ren

Staggered drop-off and pick-up times, as below.

NO Friday celebration worship until further notice – we will 'Zoom' this in school, instead.

Personal needs: We will not be able to change children in the case of a toileting incident – we will support them if it is a 'minor' incident, but otherwise we will have to call parents, who must take their child home to change them, before returning to school. This is due to current health and safety advice, due to the pandemic.

After School Club: We will be able to offer after school club from Wednesday 2nd September. Currently, only children from our school will be able to attend. However, the school class bubbles will have to be mixed for this provision, so stricter social distancing will be practised. Please contact the After School Club Manager, Mrs. Mitrica, on 07930 093178, to book a place. **Please do not contact school to book a place as we are unable to do this for you.** Please book in advance for After School Club. Please let Mrs. Mitrica know, by the beginning of every Monday, which day/s you require After School Club that week. **Late requests WILL NOT be approved.** Payment must be made on the day the provision is needed. Please make any requests, for the first week back, on Tuesday 1st September. Thank you.

Attendance: A reminder about attendance: We will be monitoring attendance from September. All children should attend school, full-time, unless there are special medical reasons, supported by a medical professional, preventing your child from returning.

Pick-up and drop-off: These must be strictly adhered to, as we will have many more parents entering and exiting the school grounds each day, from September. You will only be allowed to enter the playground at your allocated time. There will be more parents on the playground so please do adhere to social distancing measures and follow the one-way signs around the playground. Parents using the back playground should enter by the side gate and exit via the church gate. Please remember that only one parent can accompany their child to school. Thank you for your understanding.

Drop-off times:

EYFS 8:45*

Year 1 8:45

Pick-up times:

3:05*

3:05

Year 2	8:55	3:10
Year 3	9:00	3:15
Year 4	8:45 (PAV)	3:15 (PAV)
Year 5	8:50	3:20
Year 6	8:50(PAV)	3:20(PAV)

***New Starters EYFS September 2020:**

On Wednesday 2nd September, we are inviting our new starters to join us from 9:30 and to be picked up between 2:45 and 3:00pm. This is to ensure we give our new starters – and their parents – more time to get used to the school routine and say their goodbyes - due to our social distancing regulations. Normal EYFS opening times will resume the next day, Thursday 3rd September.

Message from The Uniform & Leisurewear Company:

Good Morning,

I hope you are well and staying safe during this difficult time.

We are happy to confirm that we are able to reopen our Kirkham shop on Monday 13th July.

Our opening times will be 9.30am until 4.00pm for general purchases. If customers need to exchange or collect any items, they can do so between 4.00pm and 5.00pm, however this hour is not for customers to come in and purchase uniform (This can be done in the day from 9.30am-4.00pm).

We will be opening 5 days a week from Monday to Saturday (Closed Tuesdays ,Sundays and Bank Holidays). In August we will be open on a Tuesday.

Due to things being slightly different this year, we have had to do a lot of planning so that our shops can be as safe as possible for both customers and our staff. Safety measures have been put into place and all our staff have been trained to adhere to these. As we know, this is our busiest time of the year, so we are expecting a large volume of customers both in the shop, ordering online and ringing the store. Can we please ask all customers to be patient with all our shop staff and make sure that all guidelines are followed so we can work as quickly and safely as possible.

Therefore, once we are able to open we would like to encourage those who are NOT new starters, to order online if this is possible. Our website is www.ualonline.com This will allow for us to cater for the new starters (Reception and Year 7 pupils) who need to try uniform on for the first time, and keep the queue outside the shop down as much as possible.

As well as trying to minimise as much contact as possible, we are asking for only one parent and one child per family to come in and try their uniform on. Unfortunately, any families who bring more than one adult with them, will be told to wait outside. We understand that some of our customers are single parents, meaning they have to bring all children, therefore we will use our discretion upon arrival and allow this under these particular circumstances only.

We thank you for your continued support.

Lexi Faye, Kirkham Manager

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