



Scotforth St Paul's C of E Primary & Nursery School

"Let faith be your shield"

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MISSION STATEMENT

Learning, growing and caring as part of
God's family

*"I am the vine, and you are the branches. If any remain
in me and I remain in them, they produce much
fruit." (John 15:5)*

Half-Term Holiday

Just a reminder that school re-opens at 8.45 a.m. on Monday, 2nd November.

School Photographs

Your child will be bringing their proof photo home with them today. If you would like to place an order, please return your proof and payment back to school by Friday 6th November. Please ensure you enclose the correct money as change cannot be given. Thank you.

Reception Class Photograph

Please ensure all orders are returned to school by Tuesday, 3rd November in order that we can hopefully have the pictures back in time for Christmas. Many thanks.

Pupil Absence

Parents are reminded that a pupil absence MUST be reported to school as soon as possible on the day, certainly no later than 9.30 a.m. You can either ring or e-mail the school office. If the phone lines are busy, please be patient and try again and there is the option to leave a message. If you leave a message please leave the pupil's name, year group and the reason for absence.

Poppy Appeal

We are again supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal this year. However, due to the restrictions in place it will be a little different this year. Please see the poster (sent with the newsletter) which shows the items that are available with the suggested donation. **If your child wishes to purchase anything, please enclose the donation in an envelope with the child's name and class on the front, together with the item they want and hand to the class teacher.** The item will then be sent back to the class for them to take home at the end of the day. Please note that this year there is limited stock and items requested may not be available and would suggest that you only purchase one item for the moment, although we may obtain further stock later.

As always there is ample supply of the usual button hole poppy and a very limited supply of poppy stickers available (donation amount at your discretion).

We hope you will continue to support this very worthy cause. Many thanks.

Dinner Money

If your child has a school meal, please can you ensure this is **paid for in advance** as per our school policy. If debts are incurred, parents will be asked to provide a packed lunch until the debt is cleared. Costs are £2.30 daily, £11.50 weekly and for the half-term £80.50. This can be cash or cheque (made payable to 'Scotforth School Fund') - please send in a sealed envelope with your child's name on the front, or via Scopay. If you still haven't got a Scopay account, please ask at the office.

Covid- 19 Testing

If a child has COVID-19 symptoms, gets tested and tests negative, can they return to school even if they still have symptoms?

If the child is NOT a known contact of a confirmed case the child can return to school if the result is negative, provided they have been fever free for 48 hours and feel well.

If the child is a contact of a confirmed case they must stay off school for the 14 day isolation period, even if they test negative. This is because they can develop the infection at any point up to day 14 (the incubation period for COVID-19), so if a child tests negative on day 3 they may still go on to develop the infection.

If a child who was a contact of a confirmed case tests negative, can they return to school?

No, the child should complete 14 days of isolation.

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop in Lancaster has reduced school fleeces to £8 and reversible jackets to £12. There is limited stock available.

Applications for Primary and Secondary Schools

Please see the posters giving full details of how to apply for school places for September 2021 situated at the Chatsworth Road entrance and the main school entrance.

KS2 Reading Books

If you still have a KS2 reading book at home from during lockdown, **please return as soon as possible.** There are still a lot of books yet to be returned. Many thanks.

Finally, thank you for all your efforts in helping us keep school covid-secure. We are very pleased that we have made it to half term without any confirmed covid pupil cases, and without having to shut any bubbles. We very much hope that this continues to be the case. Please do continue to wear masks and practice social distancing, especially when coming to/from school. As we are in Level 3 restrictions ("Very High") in Lancashire, the half term holiday will be a lot more restricted than usual, meaning that children are not able to have play dates at each others' houses for example. (See page 2). However we do hope that you are able to enjoy some family time and hopefully get out and about, weather permitting.

Y5 & Y6 Lockerbie Trip

Y5—A reminder that the £50 deposit needs to be paid by 27th November at the latest.

Y6— A reminder that parents can continue to pay by instalments with the balance due by 26th March 2021.

Local COVID alert level: very high

This means:

- you must not socialise with anybody you do not live with, unless you have formed a support bubble with them, in any indoor setting or in any private garden or at most outdoor hospitality venues and ticketed events
- you must not socialise in a group of more than 6 in an outdoor public space such as a park or beach, the countryside, a public garden or a sports venue
- pubs and bars must close. They can only remain open where they operate as if they were a restaurant, which means serving substantial meals, like a main lunchtime or evening meal. They may only serve alcohol as part of such a meal
- schools and universities remain open
- places of worship remain open, but household mixing is not permitted
[weddings](#) and [funerals](#) can go ahead with restrictions on the number of attendees. However, wedding receptions are not allowed
- gyms and leisure centres remain open
- exercise classes and organised sport can continue to take place outdoors. These will only be permitted indoors if it is possible for people to avoid mixing with people they do not live with (or share a support bubble with), or for youth or disability sport
- adult gaming centres, bingo halls, casinos, bookmakers, betting shops and children's soft playcentres must close
- you should try to avoid travelling outside the very-high alert level area you are in or entering a very-high alert level area, other than for things like work, education or youth services, to meet caring responsibilities or if you are travelling through as part of a longer journey
- you should avoid staying overnight in another part of the UK if you are resident in a very-high alert level area, or avoid staying overnight in a very-high alert level area if you are resident elsewhere

You must:

[wear a face covering in those areas where this is mandated](#)

You should continue to:

- follow social distancing rules
- work from home where you can effectively do so
- travel to venues or amenities that are open, for work or to access education, but aim to reduce the number of journeys you make

- Admissions to Lancashire Primary Schools Information for Parents 2020-21
- APPLY ONLINE www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools
- It is quick, easy and secure. • Don't forget to resubmit your application if you access it for any reason. • You can amend your application right up to the deadline date if you wish. • You'll get an email acknowledgement when you submit your application. • There's lots of further information and resources. • You can view your school offer via the online system on the morning of the day the offers are sent out. Once you have submitted your application you will receive an email acknowledgement. If you log back in to the system during the application period, don't forget to re-submit your application, even if you have not made any changes. You will receive an email confirming the re-submitted application each time you do this. The closing date for applications is Wednesday 15 January 2020