

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

First and foremost I do hope everyone in your family is safe and well as we continue to live in such uncertain and strange times.

It is with great sadness that I share the passing of one of our parents. Dean Corbett tragically died last week and leaves a son, Lewis, who will be going into Year 1 in September. We are a strong Catholic community and I ask you to remember Lewis and his family in your prayers and thoughts. May Dean rest in peace.

Like you I have been watching progress with interest and although we are currently experiencing 'local restrictions' we are still very much expecting to be fully open in September. I was hoping that things may have developed much more positively however we will still need to adhere to certain rules and ways of working at least for September and possibly for the first half term. I shared in July but I will once again highlight the changes below.

I understand some aspects will be difficult for you to manage, particularly the after school provision and if you have children starting or finishing at different times. We have to stagger the day and we are bound by numbers in the before and after school clubs. While it will not suit everyone please be assured we have responded to the guidance while trying to be fair. Please be patient with us; we have not made the rules.

To enable us to evaluate our plans and possibly make adjustments where we can, we have taken the INSET day gifted to us by Trafford on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September**.

- For children in Years 1 to 6 school will begin on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September
- Children in Reception will begin On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September
- Children in Nursery will begin on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September
- Children in Reception to Year 6 will wear school uniform. Many families have donated school uniform that no longer fits. Please visit school next week, after Wednesday, if you can make use of it. It will be in the porch
- Children will not need PE kits. On the day they have PE they will only change footwear from school shoes to trainers/pumps
- The Walking Bus will resume on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 8.15am from the Urmston Pub. – **(It will run every day. Not for Nursery children)**
- The before and after school club will resume on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September **but only for children who have been contacted by office staff**. As stated we are restricted to 30 children and have to prioritise places. We prioritised

children in order of use to keep the group consistent. Hopefully this will change after or during the first half term

- We will not be serving hot dinners, children on school lunches will receive a packed lunch from the cook
- There will be no external after school clubs for at least 4 weeks
- Children who are experiencing symptoms associated with COVID-19 are instructed not to attend school
- Parents and carers must fully engage with the NHS Track and Trace process
- Children cannot bring anything into school other than trainers for PE, packed lunch if applicable and two refillable drinks bottles
- Start and end times will have to be staggered, **please read carefully.**

EYFS (Nursery and Reception) 9.05 – 3.05 (Entrance at the main gates of school)

KS 1 (Years 1 and 2) 9.15 – 3.15 (Entrance at the main gates of school)

LKS2 (Years 3 and 4) 8.55 – 2.55 (Enter at the children's entrance)

UKS2 (Years 5 and 6) 8.45 – 2.45 (Enter at the children's' entrance)

- Staff will collect the children from the gates, parents/carers cannot enter the site
- Only one parent/carers can drop off or collect the children
- Please do not loiter around the gates or site, even if you have different start times for different children
- Please adhere to social distancing regulations when dropping of or collecting
- Staff will return the children to the same entry point and meet parents/carers at the same entrance gate
- Further guidance will be sent regarding homework, reading books and welcome meetings after school has started

These are strange times and the rules and regulations are onerous however we will make the best of it. I look forward to your positive support but please be patient. Things will develop and hopefully change for the better but we will be led by national and local guidance.

Thank you.

Please stay safe, God bless

Mark