

Wednesday 2nd September

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

I am sure you will all join me when I say we are very excited about tomorrow and finally welcoming the children back to school. We have been working very hard to ensure we will all be safe and also on the improvements around school. We now have a new library, boilers and girls' and boys' toilets!

Apologies in advance for the length of this letter however the information is very important. I have shared it many times in letters and the risk assessment however I will try once more to answer your questions, worries and concerns here.

Before I begin though I would like to point out a number of things: The procedures in place regarding start times, after school club, no hot food etc are not our rules that we have casually made up to make things difficult for you. The rules and regulations are very clear and we have responded to them as positively and as sensitively as we can. For example we provide after school club as a service but it is not an entitlement and in the current climate numbers need to be capped. I understand you may be frustrated however please do not blame staff. We are trying our best and everyone needs to be flexible in these uncertain and different times.

- For children in Years 1 to 6 school will begin tomorrow Thursday 3rd September
- Children in Reception will begin On Monday 14th September
- Children in Nursery will begin on Monday 21st September
- Children in Reception to Year 6 will wear school uniform. Many families have donated school uniform that no longer fits. Please visit school (today if possible) it is 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 7th September at 8.15am from the Urmston Pub. – **(It will run every day. Not for Nursery children and you must be booked on – please contact the office – we cannot accept children who just turn up)**
- The before and after school club will resume on Monday 7th September **but only for children who have been contacted by office staff.** As stated we are restricted to 30 children (15 in each room) 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. Please complete the survey sent yesterday

Apologies you can only do it once. If you have more than one child please add this in the comment box

- Dinner money will be £84 for the term, £12 each week plus £4.80 for this week
- 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
- Children who are experiencing symptoms associated with COVID-19 in school will be sent home to follow guidance, self-isolate and be tested
- If your child or any of your household display symptoms of COVID 19 the child and family must follow guidance and be tested
- Parents and carers must fully engage with the NHS Track and Trace process
- We will encourage social distancing at all times, providing verbal and signed reminders. However we cannot 100% guarantee the children will not have contact. It is virtually impossible for small children particularly not to touch each other
- Staff will wear PPE in the event of toilet/first aid accidents or if a child is ill. The PPE will include a full face mask and visor
- We will not be accepting visitors to the school site; if this is unavoidable please wait outside the porch and telephone the office on 0161 912 2906
- Children cannot bring anything into school other than trainers for PE, packed lunch if applicable and two refillable drinks bottles. Children can bring in a small bag of any type
- We are providing pencil cases but asking children in Years 1 - 6 to provide a ruler, rubber and pencil crayons if possible on their first day. These items will remain in school
- 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/carer 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

We will of course experience some 'teething' problems and I look forward to your continued support and cooperation.

See you tomorrow

God Bless

Mark