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Dear Parents & Carers,

### Re-opening Arrangements

We are delighted to be re-opening school to all pupils on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021**, and would like to share our plans in line with our updated risk assessment, which has been updated to reflect the latest government guidance which can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-full-opening-special-schools-and-other-specialist-settings/guidance-for-full-opening-special-schools-and-other-specialist-settings>

### Testing

*Primary* – currently there are no plans to test primary aged pupils as part of this programme.

*Secondary / FE* - thank you to everyone who has provided consent by completing the Microsoft Form, sent out on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February, to allow us to plan both on-site and home testing. If you have not completed this form, then there is still time to do so here :

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=EIPtrcvGGk6VzhagziBpx-J1q0Lx7OtKuH7PwKZtxZZURDEzRExXMVFLWVU0VUtTRFIRSEtLV0FUNi4u>

We will complete on-site testing for all secondary / FE learners, for whom we hold consent, on Monday 8<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> and Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March. Home testing kits will then be distributed for you to conduct the home tests every Thursday and Monday, starting on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March.

The school testing programme is only to detect asymptomatic cases. If you or your child display any symptoms, then please book a test through the usual means and isolate until you have the results. Our [covidpositive@theviewtrust.org](mailto:covidpositive@theviewtrust.org) email address remains active and is monitored at weekends.

If you choose not to provide consent for your child to be tested, please be assured that they will be welcome in school.

Staff will continue to be tested twice weekly, on a Monday and Thursday.

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## Groupings

Children will be grouped according to their class, and this will form their bubble. Each bubble has an allocated toilet facility, to be cleaned regularly throughout the day. Both main school and FE (Ewood) will be open. Class bubbles will be socially distanced from each other.

Our timetable will run as normal, however our secondary department will not travel to subject specific classrooms, instead their allocated teacher will deliver the majority of their curriculum. Where teachers are assigned Planning, Preparation and Assessment time a Higher Level Teaching Assistant will cover the remainder of the curriculum.

In accordance with guidance, there is no requirement to group siblings together, unless they are naturally in the same class. We shall also be avoiding large gatherings such as assemblies. Access to outdoor space will be timetabled to avoid class bubbles mixing.

If your child has an individual risk assessment in respect of their Conduct Support Plan and/or Moving & Handling Plan, these have been reviewed ahead of reopening school.

Hydrotherapy will remain operational throughout the school day to those that access it. Swimming at Marl Pits will resume in accordance with their risk assessment. More details of this to follow when we receive further information.

## After School Club provision

There will be no After School Club provision initially. Mrs Daly will be in contact with further information in due course.

## Arrival & Collection

Arrangements in place during the Autumn term will remain effective until further notice.

If your child arrives via LCC school transport, we will manage their arrival in line with procedure to ensure they are greeted and taken to class by a member of staff from their bubble.

If you choose to transport your child to school, please continue to queue at the main school gate, respecting social distancing and wearing a face covering in line with government guidance (unless exempt). You will be greeted by a member of staff who will arrange for your child to be taken to class.

All children will continue to access school by their classroom's external door, to reduce congestion on school corridors.

Where individual arrangements exist in relation to access arrangements, please continue with these.



## School Uniform

We would politely request that when school re-opens, all children attend in full uniform each day and have a full PE Kit available in school as per home school agreement. Long hair must be tied back, and all jewelry and watches must be removed before coming to school

## PPE

Generally, pupils and staff will not be wearing face coverings in school whilst in class, however face covering will be worn by staff when moving around the building. The government advice is quite clear that this is not necessary for special school provisions. If face coverings are used on public transport to get to school, they must be removed and safely disposed of or stored before entry to the building. If secondary and Further Education learners wish to wear a face covering, then please ensure it is cleaned daily. **Please refer to p.11 of the above government guidance for more information.**

## Personal Belongings

We will continue to reduce the amount of equipment travelling between school and home. The new electronic communication systems between home and school have been successful and therefore these will continue.

We respectfully ask school bags are left at home wherever possible. Drinks will be provided in the classroom, therefore we do not require you to send a drinks bottle.

If your child requires sanitary or personal hygiene items (eg: pads), we would ask that you provide these in bulk rather than daily.

## Lunch Arrangements

All children will be eating lunch in their bubble. School dinners will be provided as usual. If your child brings a packed lunch, then this will be stored in their classroom, and will be returned home at the end of each day. Please ensure that lunch bags/boxes are cleaned thoroughly each evening.

## Inclusion

Inclusion groups to Hillside Nursery, Haslingden Primary School, Haslingden High School and Nelson and Colne College, Accrington campus (formerly Accrington and Rossendale College) will not commence until further notice.

## Medication

Please could you ensure that medication is brought to school when your child returns. Medication needs to be prescribed and sent in the correct packaging that is clearly labelled with name, date and dose. If your child has asthma, we will need their inhaler at school.



### Your child develops Covid-19 symptoms in school

If this is the case, your child will be supervised by a member of staff in our identified isolation space. You will be contacted immediately to come and collect your child, following which you will be required to book a COVID test as a priority.

### Contact

Please ensure that we have your current address, telephone numbers and email addresses if they have changed, so that we can contact you quickly if we have to close your child’s bubble or contact you for any reason.

### Therapists in School

In accordance with the guidance, therapists will recommence their work in school and we will be working collaboratively to plan their return. Where appropriate, could we kindly request that you make arrangements for your child’s Physio/OT equipment to be returned to school.

### Annual Reviews

Visitors to school need to continue to be kept to a minimum, and following the successful organisation of remote meetings, we will continue to conduct annual reviews via telephone / video call.

### Helping your Child Return to School

Teachers have been in close contact with all families throughout this lockdown period. If you have any concerns regarding the reopening of school for your child/young person then please contact their class teacher who will be happy to discuss any finer details.

### Finally...

We understand that for some of our learners their return to school may be difficult and we will be providing additional emotional and wellbeing support. Similar to September, our “Transformation Curriculum” will continue to target priority skills.

If any parents/carers have any concerns about their child returning to school, please contact your class teacher in the first instance.

Warm wishes

**Mrs Louise Parrish**  
Headteacher



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