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Dear Parents & Carers,

### End of Term Update for our September Re-opening

End of term this year feels very surreal, I would never have imagined that it would pass by without our usual celebrations and farewells. Our transition information has been well received and I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for allowing us to share this information electronically.

Whilst a lot has been lost during the COVID partial school closure, we have also developed effective new ways of working and we plan to continue using these where appropriate.

Following the recent Government Guidance

<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>

we have updated our risk assessments accordingly and look forward to welcoming back all children on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020**. The following information is to help you prepare for a return to school.

### Groupings

We will no longer be operating a Group A / B Model. 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 the teacher will travel to their bubble.

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.

Should your child require an individual risk assessment in respect of their Conduct Support Plan and/or Moving & Handling Plan, we will be contacting you directly to discuss any implications this may have for your child's care during this period.

Swimming at Marl Pits will resume in accordance with their risk assessment, and hydrotherapy will resume week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> September, as long as current guidance allows.

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### After School Club provision

There will be no After School Club provision until after October half term at the earliest. Mrs Daley will be in contact with further information in September.

### Arrival & Collection

At the time of writing this letter, we have not received confirmation from LCC transport in respect of their plans for the start of the new academic year. Please liaise directly with transport in respect of your individual circumstances.

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, we may need to revise the current arrangements of arrival and departure to reflect the increased volume of traffic. We are finalizing plans locally to meet this need and will provide further detail ahead of the 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

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

### 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.

Long hair must be tied back, and all jewellery and watches must be removed before coming to school

### PPE

Generally, pupils and staff will not be wearing face coverings in school. The government advice is quite clear that this is not necessary. 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. **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. For those children who have not been in school, the staff in your child's bubble will establish a form of communication that is mutually convenient.

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 Accrington & Rossendale College will not commence until after October half term.

### **Medication**

Please could you ensure that medication is brought to school when your child returns. 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 can 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 / Target Setting 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 reviews via telephone / video call.

### **Helping your Child Return to School**

Transition information has been shared via email, please look out for a short video from your child's new class teacher on our website

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## DfE device scheme

We are aware that some families may have received a letter from LCC regarding the DfE laptop scheme, however as a school we have not been involved in this and any queries need to be raised with your assigned social worker as the Local Authority have responsibility for distributing these.

## Finally...

We understand that for some of our learners their return to school in September may be difficult and we will be providing additional emotional and wellbeing support. Our "Recovery Curriculum" will also include re assessing and targeting any lost skills.

On behalf of the Tor View Team, I would like to wish everyone a restful break, and we look forward to seeing you all in September, ready for our 'new normal'.

If any parents/carers have any concerns about their child returning to school, please contact the new class teacher from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020.

Kindest regards



**Mrs Louise Parrish**  
Headteacher

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