

Dear Parents/Carers.

As we come to the end of the term I wanted firstly to thank you all, for working with us in trying our very best to maintain some provision for pupils throughout the partial closure of the school. We would have hoped to have seen every pupil at some point before the summer break but that has not been possible. We hope that you all feel the school has supported you throughout this time. Thank you to those parents who took the time to complete our survey about how school has coped with the partial opening. The survey is still open so please do contribute; it will help us plan for any future partial closures. Here is the link again.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/JMRWTPJ>

I now want to tell you about our plans for September. The Government has issued its guidance for the reopening of schools nationally and the Local Authority has also issued guidance to its schools here in Liverpool. Essentially we will be opening to all pupils but still implementing social distancing and limiting contacts between pupils and also staff. We also need to implement rigorous tracking and tracing in line with Public Health and NHS guidance starting with knowing if any member of the school community is showing any sign of illness. This is extremely challenging in terms of planning and implementation and copies of our risk assessments will be available on the school website once completed

We will continue with our current arrangements of keeping pupils in their class groups. This means we will not have communal dining or whole school events such as assemblies. We will continue with stringent hygiene routines especially washing hands at regular intervals and good respiratory practices such as 'Catch it bin it Kill it' and additional cleaning throughout the day of teaching areas, equipment and toilets.

The key message we need to share is that we need to prevent any potential cases of COVID coming into the school. In the event of a suspected case any other pupils and staff that have come into contact with that person will have to self-isolate until that person is tested and confirmed as being negative. Under the 'Track and Trace' procedure we will have to provide details to public health of everyone that has been in close contact. We will be sending you the guidelines and requirements for pupils and families to access testing in the event of a suspected case of COVID.

You can play your part and help us by not sending pupils into school if they have any signs of illness but in particular the symptoms most associated with COVID, persistent cough, a high temperature, loss of taste or smell. We need all families and also staff to strictly adhere to this and also to adhere to all the other social distancing and hygiene guidelines in force outside of school, e.g. wearing masks on public transport and in shops and maintaining the 2M rule when out and about.

The last thing we want is to have to close the school due to cases of COVID being present and so must all work together to implement those strategies that minimise the risk.

For our pupils with complex health needs and who may have had shielding letters you should be contacted by your child's consultant or GP in the summer to discuss their particular needs. We are also still waiting for confirmation from Health as to the procedures required to keep those pupils safe and have staff training updated due to the long break so it may well be that those measures are not in place in time for a September start. We will liaise directly with you as more information becomes available.

Over the summer please keep an eye on our website, Facebook page and of course Class Dojo for updates. Term dates for next academic year are also now on the school website. Please keep in touch with class teachers and we look forward to seeing everyone once again in September.