



22nd May 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you so much for all your feedback about the planned return to school for pupils in Primary Schools. Over this week, I have worked with staff and parents to analyse your thoughts and opinions, to create risk assessments and make plans for ways in which we can further open school, in a safe way, for our children.

As you know, the school has been open throughout the pandemic for children of key workers and vulnerable children. These children have been in school with adults facilitating their access to our online learning platform Class Dojo as well as accessing other childcare provision such as games, dancing, crafts etc. We have taken every care to ensure these children have been safe and following government guidelines throughout.

Yesterday I met with the governing body to talk through all proposals for us to extend further the opening of school. Following the risk assessment and discussion around wider safety issues including children's emotional and mental health, the decision is that we will only extend provision to children of key workers and vulnerable children from 2nd June.

The criteria for key workers was set out by the government at the beginning of this crisis and it still stands.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

If you fall into this category and would like your child to return to school from 2nd June, please complete the Registration Attendance Form which will be sent to all parents today via the school APP. **This must be done before your child comes into school, even if they have been accessing the provision previously.** A place will be booked for your child each week thereafter to help maintain a good school routine. Once you confirm your child needs access to this provision, if for any reason they will not be attending school please advise us via email at contact-us@skertonstlukes.lancs.sch.uk You must do this each week by Friday morning so that we can plan the rota for the following week. This will ensure children and staff are maintaining safe ratios whilst they are in school.

Senior Leadership Team and governors will keep monitoring this provision and plan when it is right for other children to be accessing school over this half term. Access for further year groups will be when it is safe, following conditions mentioned in our Risk Assessment and further advice from the government and governors.

Our priority remains the safety of children, staff and families. Many thanks for your continued support and please continue to look after yourselves and each other.

Yours sincerely

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