

1st June 2020

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you for your patience as we move to the next phase as a school during this pandemic. The staff, the governors and myself have spent a lot of time and care in working out the safest way to get children back into school. As you know, school has been open throughout the pandemic with teachers providing online learning and feedback as well as being open for children of key workers and vulnerable children.

Many of you are returning to work and that has meant that we have more children coming to school from tomorrow. Therefore, as from 2nd June we will have four classes open across school and children who have registered using the form on ParentApp will be welcomed into school. If you have not yet provided ID showing you are a key worker then you will need to show that when you bring your child to school for the first time.

The school day will start and end at different times for each year group. Staff will collect and return children to the agreed collection point at the agreed time. It is essential that all adults are on time so there is no cross over. Parents and other adults are not permitted on the school premises.

Year 5 and 6:		
Pod name: Orcas		
Arrival: 8.45am	Pick up: 2.45pm	Collection Point: Main Gate

Year 3 and 4				
Pod name: Dolphins				
Arrival: 8.45am	Pick up: 2.45pm	Collection Point: Visitor Gate		

Year 1 and 2				
Pod name: Porpoise				
Arrival: 9.00am	Pick up: 3.00pm	Collection Point: Main Gate		

Reception		
Pod Name: Seals		
Arrival: 9.15am	Pick up: 3.15pm	Collection Point: Reception Outside Gate

Pods

Children will stay in their pods at all times when they are in school. All learning, playtimes and dinner times will be timetabled in order for social distancing to work in school. Children will be required to wash their hands on entrance to the school and at various times throughout the school day. Each Pod has one teacher and one TA attached to it. Their responsibility will be to facilitate learning within that Pod. Pupils will be expected to continue learning via **Class Dojo**.

Hygiene

During this time, it is even more essential for children to learn about the importance of hygiene. Please ensure they come to school in **clean clothes** with **clean**, **short fingernails** and **hair tied back** if it is long enough. Children are **not permitted to wear any jewellery**. All equipment will be provided in school so **book bags are not needed** and children are **not allowed to bring any personal possessions including toys or mobile phones**.

Equipment

With the weather as it is it is essential that every child has **sunscreen**, a **hat** and a **drink bottle** in school. They should wear appropriate clothing on their legs (shorts/ tracksuit bottoms) and trainers and school uniform on top (white shirt and red jumper if needed). This will mean that children will **not need PE Kit** in school. We also ask that you provide **wellies** and **wet weather gear** as it is expected that the children will make full use of the outdoor areas throughout the day.

Behaviour

It is expected that the children will behave with politeness, a positive attitude to learning and the same respect for each other that they showed prior to the lockdown. We will revise rules on entry to school. All children will follow rules around social distancing including touching, talking, spitting etc. Children who deliberately or repeatedly break these rules will have consequences, parents will be contacted and if behaviour persists then they may have their place is school withdrawn.

Food

We currently have no deliveries of fruit for schools so please provide a **healthy snack** for your child. Please remember, **no nuts**.

School Dinners can be ordered each day and paid for on Parent Pay in the usual way.

If you choose to send your child with packed lunch please ensure it is a **healthy lunch** with **no nuts** and a **drink** is included.

Further Planning

Each week I will meet with my Senior Leadership Team and Governors to review the plans for further opening of the school. I will inform you of the outcome of each of these meetings.

In order for us to plan ahead, your child/children will be automatically booked in for the following week. If this changes for any reason then please let us know by 12 noon on Friday.

If you have any concerns or questions please email contact-us@skertonstlukes.lancs.sch.uk

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