



20th October 2020

Dear parent/ carer,

I have noticed recently that there has been a rise in anxiety amongst our community and this has coincided with the rise in COVID19 infections in the local area. It is a very scary time and many of you are feeling worried about your families and loved ones contracting the virus. Some of you are worried about how you will cope if we have to go back into full lockdown and many of you are fearful for your jobs and work environments. Please be assured you are all doing ok.

What I see is: parents getting their children to school on time each day, you all trying really hard to be on time and not leave your children waiting at the end of the day. I see lovey smiles (even in your eyes) and hear warm greetings as you come through those gates each day. I notice that your children are wearing the correct uniform (school or PE), mostly on the correct days. I see children completing homework and reading to an adult as often as they can and I feel so proud of you all.

The biggest thing to note is that in amongst all of this anxiety and worry, our children are doing really well. They are happy in school, they are together and catching up on lost learning. They are tired at the end of the half term but they are also playing together well and showing kindness towards each other. Be proud of all we have achieved together this half term and whatever comes our way in the next few weeks we will continue to do all we can to keep the children safe, happy and learning together.

Please also remember that the staff in school share these anxieties and worries and are doing all we can to communicate openly and honestly with you. Remember that any information you require can be via a phone call or contact-us@skertonstlukes.lancs.sch.uk Please only use Class Dojo if your message relates specifically to your child's learning. School will close for half term on Friday 23rd and staff will be unavailable on Class Dojo until Tuesday 3rd November.

Yours faithfully

Catherine Armistead

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Headteacher

Opening Minds, Learning Through Challenge and Celebrating God's World.
'Love your neighbour as yourself' Luke 10: 27

I am reading... [The Lost Man](#) by Jane Harper
I am listening to... [Rocketman Soundtrack](#) by Elton John
I am appreciating... [Book of Life](#) by David Kracov