



1<sup>st</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back!

I hope that you have all had a safe and happy summer. We have met together as a staff on our first INSET day today and we are all looking forward to welcoming your child/ children back to school on Friday.

Even though we are getting back to normal in school it is vital that you are aware that there will be some changes that must be adhered to for the safety of you, your children and staff. We have carried out a rigorous risk assessment in line with Government and Lancashire County Council advice and in order for us to comply we need you to support us and follow the rules and expectations outlined in this letter.

The school day will start and end at different times for each year group. It is essential that parents are prompt to bring and collect children at the appropriate times to ensure there is no cross over. Parents are not permitted on the school premises unless by prearranged appointment. Parents can bring siblings at the same time so as to avoid waiting around.

DROP OFF AND COLLECTION			
TIME	TIME	CLASS	Where?
8.45	15.00	Year 3	Visitor gate
8.45	15.00	Year 6	Main Gate
8.55	15.05	Year 1	Main Gate
8.55	15.05	Year 4	Visitor Gate
9.05	15.15	Year 2	Main Gate
9.05	15.15	Year 5	Visitor Gate

Teaching staff will be on the playground to look after siblings from 8.45 until their class is ready to go into school.

Parents will have to wait for their child's sibling at the end of the day on the footpath outside school.

The children will be in a 'bubble' that will be their class group. This is so, if there are any COVID related cases, we can follow Track and Trace procedures according to government guidelines.

### Face Coverings

Children can wear face coverings on their way into school, moving around the school and as they leave the classroom at the end of the day, if you so wish. If you do send your child





with a face covering please ensure it is clearly named and provide a plastic zip up bag for it to be kept in. Government advice is that no face coverings are to be worn once in the class bubble.

Staff may also wear face coverings at different times in school, including on the playground and moving around school. Again, Government advice is that face coverings are not needed once in the classroom setting.

When parents are asked to attend meetings in school it is necessary that you wear appropriate face coverings to meet with staff.

## Hygiene

Handwashing will take place at the beginning of each day, after playtimes and before lunch. Children will be reminded how to wash hands effectively. Use of toilets encouraged at these times as well. If a child needs the toilet at another time they will be accompanied by an adult and handwashing will be monitored.

We will continue to encourage good hygiene by reminding children to 'catch it, bin it, kill it'

## Uniform

All children will be required to wear full school uniform from September, including school shoes as per the uniform policy in school. <https://www.skertonstlukes.lancs.sch.uk/parents-and-carers/uniform>

Your child has an allocated PE day and on those days children can come in shorts or tracksuit bottoms, trainers and their school allocated PE shirt (and school jumper as required). This will mean that we do not need to have PE kits in school and therefore takes away the risk associated with PE bags etc.

## Dinners & Snacks

School will continue to provide a cooked meal at lunch time and parents will be required to use Parent Pay to pay for these dinners unless they are entitled to Free School Meals. School Dinners will be in the school hall and the children will stay in their class bubble.

Packed lunches can come into school in a lunch box that the children will store under their desk. All packed lunches will be consumed in classrooms and children will join their class mates for their allotted playtimes.

Snacks will not be available to purchase. A piece of fruit or veg is provided daily for all infant (EYFS/KS1) children, free of charge, under the government National Fruit Scheme. Junior (KS2) children are encouraged to bring a piece of fruit from home to eat at playtime.

## Class Dojo

All children will need to continue to access Class Dojo for homework and online learning as necessary, therefore all parents will be required to be logged onto Dojo. If you are still unsure about access to Class Dojo this can be sorted at Parents Meetings on return to school.



## Early Birds and Night Owls

Early Birds (Breakfast Club) and Night Owls (After School Provision) will resume from Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September. This will also be done under strict Risk Assessment and likely to change as and when the Covid situation changes locally.

## Contact

If you do wish to contact school at any point please phone 01524 65445 or email us [contact-us@skertonstlukes.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:contact-us@skertonstlukes.lancs.sch.uk)

Many thanks for your continued support and please continue to look after yourselves and each other.

Yours sincerely

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