



4th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Skerton St Luke's CE Primary School will open as normal tomorrow (Tuesday 5th January 2021) to all pupils. This may change if we do not have enough staff available to open fully or if the government directs us to only open for Key Worker and Vulnerable children.

We will be increasing protective measures and I will upload the revised risk assessment to the school website tonight. In summary when considering the 3 main actions we are all asked to take:

Wash hands - We will be continuing to wash hands frequently throughout the school day. We will continue with our enhanced cleaning regime.

Cover face - Staff will be wearing face coverings in communal areas and at beginning and end of each school day. Staff will continue to be offered visors that can be worn throughout the day to provide some protection when interacting with children. Staff with underlying health issues have also been reassured that it is absolutely acceptable to wear a face covering in the classroom.

Make space - In the classroom this is the most difficult aspect to maintain. Each classroom has been reviewed and we have used as much additional space as we can.

How can parents and carers help?

This new variant of COVID transmits at a much greater rate. Please help us by doing the following:

- **Wear face coverings** when coming onto the school grounds. If you are exempt you **must** remain at least 2m from any other person outside your household or bubble.
- Do not speak directly to school staff to pass on information and messages – all contact **must** be via phone call to school, email contact-us@skertonstlukes.lancs.sch.uk or Class Dojo.
- Only **1 adult** to collect or drop off at the beginning and end of each school day. Additional adults must wait outside the school gates.
- Keep us informed of any household symptoms, COVID tests and results. If your child has a test please email a copy of the result to contact-us@skertonstlukes.lancs.sch.uk



- Spread out your arrival and pick up times using our window system fully. **Please note changes in times.** These are closer together in order to keep movement flowing and time spent on the playground to a minimum. We will no longer have signs telling you when to enter the school grounds so please take care and respect the 2m distance between people.

| DROP OFF AND COLLECTION | | | |
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| TIME | TIME | CLASS | Where? |
| 8.45 | 15.00 | Year 3 | Main Gate |
| 8.45 | 15.00 | Year 6 | Main Gate |
| 8.50 | 15.05 | Year 1 | Main Gate |
| 8.50 | 15.05 | Year 4 | Main Gate |
| 8.55 | 15.10 | Year 2 | Main Gate |
| 8.55 | 15.10 | Year 5 | Main Gate |
| 9.00 | 15.00 | Reception | Reception Gate |

- Siblings will leave together at the earliest time on collection, again to minimize time spent on the playground. It is important that children are dropped/ collected and you leave the school grounds immediately in order to ensure the least amount of contact as possible. Our aim is everyone's safety – Keep Moving - DROP AND GO!
- Children **must** have their own labelled water bottles.
- The only items children are permitted to bring from home are: book bags, packed lunch and water bottles.
- Due to the need to keep classrooms well ventilated, children must bring appropriate clothing and footwear to school. Unless it is PE day, children **must not** wear trainers but **can wear** black boots for warmth. Children **can wear** school hoodies in order to keep warm in school.
- If you are collecting your child from school for an appointment, you **must** let us know in advance. You will be required to **wear a face covering** if you enter the school building to collect your child.
- Please remember to park with care and consideration for others, including staying off the yellow lines. Please stick to the rules and routines in order to keep everyone safe.



Whilst school is able to open for all children the expectation is that your child/ children will attend school. If your child is unable to attend they are expected to access online learning via Class Dojo unless they are unwell.

Over the next 48 hours we will be refreshing our lists from the summer term of critical workers and vulnerable children so that we are well prepared if we have to close the school fully or partially and move to remote learning and childcare.

Please watch out for these messages coming through so we can update our group lists.

Please continue to keep yourselves and each other safe.

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