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'Happy are those who hear the word of God and keep it' Ruke 11:28

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Dear Parents/ Carers

I hope you have managed to have a lovely Summer break as a family despite the challenging times we still find ourselves in. Myself and all the staff are really looking forward to welcoming you back next week and I wanted to write to share some key information prior to our first day together in school.

We have worked incredibly hard to prepare our school to welcome all pupils back and lots of additional measures have been put in place to keep pupils and staff safe. The school has undergone a full deep clean including electrostatic cleaning 'Fogging'. Furniture has been re arranged to ensure social distancing spaces and to ensure safer seating positions. Pupils will have their own personal resources provided. Thorough cleaning schedules, handwashing etc. are in place, and, as I have shared classes will be arranged in 'Bubbles' with different entry and exits routes and timings.

The full document can be found on our school website on our homepage and I would ask you to take the time to read this document as it contains important information. Each pupil page on our website also has key class information and photographs which you may wish to share with your child.

A key summary of entry/ exit routes and timings is summarised below:

	Entry point	Arrival time	Exit point	Exit time
Class 1	Front entrance	9.00 am	Front entrance	3.15 pm
	and slope		and slope	
Class 2	Rear entrance by	9.00 am	Rear entrance by	3.15 pm
	school Hall		school Hall	
Class 3	Rear entrance by	8.45 am	Rear entrance by	3.00 pm
	school Hall		school Hall	
Class 4	Side metal fire	8.45 am	Side metal fire	3.00 pm
	escape adjoining		escape adjoining	
	class 4		class 4	

It is imperative timings are adhered to precisely to ensure the safety and wellbeing of staff and pupils.

Staff members will greet pupils at the allocated points. Parents/ carers are not permitted to enter the school grounds. At the time of writing Preston remains under 'Local restrictions' so it is vital we work together and follow all guidance and Social Distancing advice. I must remind families not to gather at the school gate/ car park etc. and to continue to observe the guidance. A summary of the advice shared by Preston City Council is detailed below.

To help tackle the spread of the virus you must not:

Meet with people you do not live with inside a private home or garden. This does not apply to people you are in a protective support bubble with or other limited exceptions.

Visit another home or garden outside of the areas currently affected

Meet with people you do not live with, or have "bubbled" with in other indoor public venues - this includes pubs, restaurants, cafes, shops, places of worship, leisure and entertainment venues or visitor attractions. You may still attend these places with people you live with or are in a protective support bubble with.

Where possible and practical always maintain two metres from other people. Businesses should take steps to encourage people to follow these rules.

It is vital that everybody follows these new rules to reduce the spread of the virus and protect our communities.

We continue to ask that everyone continues to wash and sanitise their hands and wear a face covering in public unless medically exempt.

The School bus will continue to run as normal. The bus supports two schools so additional measures have been put in place by the service provider to support pupils. Each school will be allocated a side of the bus clearly labelled. Pupils will be expected to sanitise their hands upon entry to the bus and it is strongly recommended that pupils wear a face covering. The school bus is an external service and it remains the decision of families if they choose to continue to use this service.

Finally, as ever, if anyone in your house hold demonstrates symptoms of Covid-19 families must follow current guidelines on isolation. Anyone demonstrating symptoms will not be allowed to enter school. Full guidance can be found on the Government website https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus.

We look forward to seeing you next week and supporting pupils to return safely to school life. As ever, if you have any questions or require any support please feel free to contact us.

Kind Regards,

Mrs. Brogden Head Teacher