

Friday 08 January 2021

COVID-19 Update



Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope this letter finds you all safe and well.

I would like to thank you for your patience, understanding and support at this difficult and worrying time.

We realise this is a very difficult and challenging situation for you too and we will do our best to support you and your families as best we can, working in line with Government Guidance.

Thank you so much for working with us and completing the online forms, responding to emails and phone calls so promptly, it cannot be easy for you, but it is greatly appreciated.

Pupils accessing onsite learning

We have been able to offer places to all children of critical workers and those pupils who have a social worker, as a result we have approx. 50 to 60 pupils accessing school each day. It is so reassuring to know that over 110 of our pupils are at home and at their safest.

Pupils learning from home

All parents of pupils learning from home, should have been contacted by their child's class teacher to discuss and agree their child's individual learning from home package. If you have not yet been contacted, please email your child's class teacher ASAP, and ask them to contact you at a time convenient to yourselves.

Weekly Star of the Week Assembly

I will be leading our weekly Celebration Assembly; where we find out the Star of the Week from each class. The assembly will take place each Friday morning at 10am, via MS Teams, starting Friday 15 January, Class teachers will share the link to the join the assembly.

Testing Programme

We are one of the first special schools in Lancashire to roll out the testing programme from the 4th January and I am incredibly proud of all the hard work of the leadership team to get this set-up and rolled out so quickly and effectively.

We have tested 13 of our secondary age pupils, and despite initial reservations regards pupil participation, I have been so impressed and proud of how well the pupils have responded.



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All pupils have had their first test, with their second test taking place this afternoon.

All pupils tests have returned a negative result.

Our staff testing has also gone well with 95% of the staff team participating, with 100% returning a negative result. In line with Government guidance staff will be offered weekly testing.

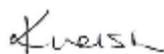
Free School Meals

For those pupils who are learning from home and are in receipt of benefit related Free School Meals, Mrs Kay Fisher, business support officer, will be in touch with more details. We will be continuing to provide you with the vouchers.

I will write with a further update next week.

Kindest regards,

Keep Safe 



Mr Kieran Welsh
Headteacher

