

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Dear parents/ Carers,

**Re: Reopening of school to all pupils September 2020**

Thank you once again for all your support through the most unprecedented and challenging time. You will be aware from recent Government announcements that schools will be re-opening to all pupils in September 2020.

We have updated the School Risk Assessment to reflect these changes and as part of our risk assessment, we are required to continue to address health and safety concerns and reduce risks for children, young people and staff. In this respect, we have put the following precautions into place:

- Children in their '**class bubbles**' - This means they will have access to allocated toilet/hygiene areas and outside areas.
- They will continue to have lunch in their classrooms and I would ask if your child brings in a packed lunch that this is in **disposable packaging** (where possible).
- There will be no social gatherings such as assemblies or after school clubs.
- PPE equipment is provided for staff dealing with personal care and administering First Aid.
- The children will entrance and exit through allocated areas
- Multiple times during the day we have **supervised handwashing**—This will be conducted throughout the day (E.G. on arrival, before and after any outside activities, before and after eating and before going home).
- **Cleaning** regime – our lunchtime supervisors, teachers and teaching assistants are cleaning tables, laptops, handles etc. in the middle of the day, as well as our cleaners cleaning at the end of the day when children have gone home.
- Children need to wear their uniform. On days when they have P.E, they should come in their outdoor P.E kit (blue sweatshirt and joggers, white t-shirt, and white trainers with a white sole) and wear this all day to avoid changing. All PE sessions have been allocated to the afternoon. No PE bags in school at the moment.
- Clothing must be changed every day to reduce the risk to others.
- Parents must maintain social distancing around school and only one parent should drop off/pick up.
- **No parents will be able to come into the school building** – the Government guidance suggests that parents do not come onto school grounds but drop children off at gates.
- The **School Office will remain closed to parents** – queries and contacts should be made by email and phone.  
**Tel: 01254 54706**  
**Email: [office@stthomasce.blackburn.sch.uk](mailto:office@stthomasce.blackburn.sch.uk)**
- If for any reason a class bubble is closed down and asked to isolate, then home learning will take the place of school learning and **MUST** be completed.
- Reading books will be sent home and sanitised on return before being reused.
- Parents will be asked to collect children from school if they have a toileting accident and take them home to be washed and cleaned and then returned.

Please remember school **MUST** be informed of any suspected or positive Covid-19 cases in families and children must be collected immediately from school and taken for a test. The usual

guidance around isolating for 14 days must still be adhered to if anyone in the family tests positive.

Thank you for your continued support. We are really excited that school will be “more normal” in September and cannot wait to see our children return.

Many thanks,

Mrs C. Morris