

Water Primary School

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Dear Parent/Guardian

I hope you have all enjoyed a wonderful summer break and you are all excited for your children to come back to school. I know some will be apprehensive but I wanted to write to you and assure you that school will be extremely safe and every effort has been taken to ensure your children will once again receive a safe, exciting and outstanding education at Water Primary School. It will be slightly different, however staff have worked tirelessly over the last few weeks to make sure your child's experience of school will continue to be memorable and full of love and care.

Risk assessments have been completed, guidance has been updated and we have also completed draft risk assessments for individual SEN children. We will continue to follow LCC advice and guidelines.

Key information

- Children will need to remain with their own class group
- Staggered start times for each class. Staff members have been assigned to each year group and where possible will not mix class groups
- Each class will have their own entry and exit points
- No parents or visitors will be allowed to gain access to the school building.
- Each classroom has been measured and desks installed which will follow social distancing measures. Reception and Year 1 will not have forward facing desks or social distancing.
- Children will not be permitted to bring anything into school, other than their packed lunch.
- Lunchtimes will be held in each group's classroom. Hot meals will be delivered to the classroom for those who wish to have school dinners, who have infant free school meals and for those children who receive free school meals.
- Each class group will have their own lunchtime break outside and again social distancing rules will have to be in place where possible
- We have PPE for situations such as first aid care, SEN 1:1 supervision when required and for any suspected cases.

- Government guidance is for children and staff not to wear PPE, only the above situations will be permitted. The school will be thoroughly deep cleaned each week and we will have a thorough cleaning schedule in place.
- PE will be delivered by Mr Smedley in most classes and PE Day/Tracksuit policy will continue. <https://www.water.lancs.sch.uk/page/?title=PE+Days&pid=251>
- The school week will revert back to Monday to Friday
- Our Virtual Superstars Assembly will be broadcast every Friday on our YouTube Channel.
- Forest School will commence on Mondays and Fridays for selected groups this half term. Each Class will have the chance to take part in Forest School throughout the year. Please see the link for the timetable.
<https://www.water.lancs.sch.uk/page/?title=Forest+School+Timetable&pid=250>
- Children will be allocated their reading books in the first week of half term and can be taken home in plastic wallets which will be provided by the school.
- Children will continue to adhere to our handwashing policy and we will ask that all children wash their hands on entry to school and at various times of the school day.
- All additional cleaning introduced during lockdown will continue this term.
- Catch it, bin it, kill it policy will be in place and enforced across the school.

Building changes

Over the summer we have made a few alterations to school in order for school to be as safe as possible.

Summary of key changes

- New hall automatic doors
- New hall floor
- Hazel Class (Year2/3) new outside door
- New phone system which allows further communication to each classroom
- Outdoor storage unit

Further information regarding our new breakfast club and after school club will be published tomorrow. I know this has been a worry for many parents with work commitments. Hopefully we will be to offer solution to this. We will also detail our arrangements for the staggered starts which once again will make things easier for you all.

If you need anything or if you have further questions then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mr Willan

Headteacher

