

Water Primary School

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Dear parents and guardians,

I wanted to update you all with the planned reopening of school tomorrow.

I am sure you are all aware of the difficulties the school currently faces in terms of the virus and keeping all of our community safe. The government and the local council are advising that schools in Lancashire remain open. This will be reviewed and the future remains unclear. This is an extremely difficult situation for all of us but, as always, we will do all we can to keep your children safe.

Throughout this crisis I have been open and honest with you and this will always continue. School will appear different and there are a number of staffing issues facing the school at present, this is for a number of reasons and at the moment the school will remain open but I need to warn you this may change depending on levels of staff, advice and guidance.

I agree with the sentiment that children need to be in school, they need their education, friends and teachers. This however, needs to be balanced with the safety and health of our whole community. I do feel that in the past the school, its staff, pupils and community have faced the adversity of remote learning and this awful disease with skill, compassion and professionalism and should the need arise for further remote learning and partial school closure, then the school would be well equipped to offer similar levels of support.

School will operate similarly to the Autumn Term, in terms of start times, break times and lunchtimes and class bubbles/group. I am currently updating the risk assessments, plans and staff rotas. Inevitably there will be staff changes, please be patient with this, we need to adapt and navigate safety challenges and logistics.

I know some parents have indicated that they do not wish their children to return in the current circumstances, I totally understand this but please note that virtual learning will be extremely difficult considering the number of staff we have at our disposal. It may take time for us to organise catch ups, check ins etc. Our main focus for the next few days will be to ensure that, all in school are as safe as possible.



This may not be possible and I understand the majority of children will be returning to school tomorrow. I am sorry for this extra burden but please could you indicate on this form whether your child will be returning tomorrow. This will just help us to have an idea of staffing and numbers.

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Due to the current circumstances After School Club will not be running and you will need to make alternative arrangements for this. I am sure you will understand the reasons for this and the need to limit contact time between groups, children and staff. Breakfast Club will operate as normal.

I will be in touch with further information as I receive.

Thanks again for all your support and help.

Please take care.

Mr Willan
Headteacher

