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Dear Parent/Carer,

RE- September 2020 update: Full Opening of School and COVID 19

Following my previous letters (circulated in July) I write again to confirm specific details re- **start** and **finish** times and **entry** and **exit** arrangements for different pupil groups in school. Please read '**Full Opening of Schools**' (**specific details, pages 15 to 18**) for further information:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

'Bubbles' (as previously advertised)

As all schools Nationally, Limehurst will be operating a 'bubble' system next school year. The 'bubble' system is essential to identify 'close contacts' in the event of a positive test and will be used to inform test and trace, if required. The 'bubble' system has been directed by the Department for Education/Central Government.

The 'bubble' system will require a slightly **earlier start time** for some pupils and a **slightly later finish time** for other pupils (based on school year, 2019/20). In addition, the 'window-of-time' for **school entry will be longer** and the window-of-time for **school exit (home time) will be longer**. If you have children in different year groups this will result in a longer waiting time to drop-off and collect. I ask in anticipation, **please be PATIENT**- school will be working to stringent guidelines to ensure the safety of the whole school community. Also, it is imperative that you arrive at school **on time** and collect at the **advertised time** from the **designated exit point** (if applicable).

The 'bubble' system will also be used to organise **playtimes** and **lunchtimes**.

School specific arrangements for September

Information overleaf is an overview for parents and it is intended to be used in conjunction with the whole school risk assessment as approved by Oldham Council and school Governors.



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Groupings (bubbles) and staffing

1. All pupils will be organised into sub-phase 'bubbles' (as below) allowing for the delivery of interventions and specialist teaching where necessary, whilst continuing with **limited contact**:
 - **EYFS** (Nursery & Reception)
 - **KS1** (Class 4, 5 & 6)
 - **LKS2** (Class 7,8 & 9)
 - **UKS2** (10,11 & 12)
2. Classrooms will remain the children's '**home**' base throughout the day and will not be shared with other groups of children
3. Break (playtimes) and lunch times will be '**staggered**'
4. If a change of staff is necessary, we will endeavour to make changes as consistent as possible to ensure that contact with additional staff members is limited

School 'bubbles' and staggered start/finish times

We fully appreciate that the bubble system with resulting 'staggered' start/finish times may well be an inconvenience to some parents (particularly larger families/ parents or carers with children in the Early Years and Upper Key Stage 2). School entry is now 'spread' over a 20 minutes period and multiple entry points. School exit is spread over a 30 minute (although the vast majority of Year 6 pupils will walk home unescorted).

Drop off (start) & pick up (finish) times and entry & exit routines

To reduce the number of people on the school site, we will be operating '**staggered**' start and finish times (and different entry and exit points) as detailed below:

Reception: 8.40am start- 2.40pm finish/collection (details circulated by Mrs Roberts)

Nursery: 8.50am start- 2.50pm finish/collection (details circulated by Mrs Roberts)

KS1: 8.45am start- 2.45pm finish/collection

C4- school entry & exit via the **school hall** (car park doors)

C5- school entry via **KS1 yard door**. Exit via **school hall** (turning circle doors)

C6- school entry via **KS2 yard door**. Exit via **junior yard gate**

LKS2: 8.55am start- 3.05pm finish/collection

C7- school entry & exit via **school hall** (car park doors)

C8- school entry via **KS2 yard door**. Exit via **school hall** (turning circle doors)

C9- school entry **KS2 yard door**. Exit via **junior yard gate**

UKS2: 9.00am start-3.10pm finish collection

C10- school entry via **school hall** (car park doors). Exit via **junior yard gate**

C11- school entry via **KS2 yard door**. Exit via **junior yard gate**

C12- school entry via **KS2 yard door**. Exit via **junior yard gate**



In addition, we ask that children who are escorted to/from school are supervised by only one parent/carer to further reduce the number of adults on site at any one time. It is imperative that you arrive at school on time and collect at the advertised time from the designated exit point.

School dinners/ dinner money reminder

Please note that the Oldham Education Catering Service have informed us that the price of a school meal will increase from £2.30 to £2.40 per meal, with effect from September 2020.

Dinner money must be paid in full on a **Monday morning** for that week. If over the course of a term your child wishes to change from dinners to a home provided packed lunch school requires a period of 2-week notice. This will enable the kitchen staff enough time to make necessary amendments.

Also, the Oldham Education Catering Services have asked all schools to remind parents that any outstanding dinner money 'debts' raised on the behalf of an individual school (usually by the end of each term) will incur an additional charge of £10.

Car park and turning circle- September return

PLEASE RESPECT THE ONEWAY SYSTEM THAT HAS BEEN IN OPERATION FOR MANY YEARS.

Please park sensibly in and around the school car park. At present a very small number of parents are blocking the car park entrance which decreases the visibility of other parents and pupils who cross there on their journey home. In addition, I ask all parents who travel to school by car to ensure that the speed they adopt is appropriate to a school environment. At 'drop off' and collection, all drivers need to 'expect the unexpected' and as such curtail their speed to reflect this.

Please be vigilant on your journey to and from school.

Home/ school contact

PLEASE NOTE THAT ON YOUR CALLER ID THE SCHOOL NUMBER MAY APPEAR AS 0161 770 0000, and not 0161 7703140.

As advertised previously- Breakfast Club

Breakfast club is suspended until after the October half term and then to be reviewed. Unfortunately, the 'bubble' system is not supported by having multiple age groups (nursery to year 6) in the same area/proximity. In addition, the hall will be used for alternative school entry points, as described previously.

I re-iterate, there will be no breakfast club provision until after the October half term (at the earliest and to be reviewed).



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Pupil Attendance (please see attached addition information from Mr Wilson, Associate Head teacher, who leads attendance at school)

Pupil attendance will again be **mandatory in September**. School has been instructed to 'follow up' on any and every pupil absence. The Local Authority (in liaison with school) will once again be issuing **warning notices** and **fixed penalty fines** where applicable, as directed by the Department for Education.

Further information for parents/carers from the DfE re- whole school return in September:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

Pupils in Year 1 to Year 6 will start school full time, commencing Thursday 3rd September. Nursery and Reception intake information has been circulated previously.

And finally

Please take the time to check-out our new school website found at:
www.limehurst.oldham.sch.uk

Please stay safe.
Yours sincerely,

M Roberts
Head teacher



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