



LEEK FIRST SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the end of perhaps the most bizarre school year that any of us have experienced I wanted to share with you our plans for September and the full return of all of the children to school. The Government has announced that all children will be returning to school in September and that it is compulsory for them to do so. We have been given guidelines for September which of course will be followed and measures put in place in school.

School will run on a very similar timetable to previously, however there have been some adjustments. We have a one way system in operation on the playground and all parents will need to enter via the bottom gate and leave via the top gate. School will begin at the usual time and children can arrive between 8.50 and 9am in the morning. They will enter school through the same doors as usual: Reception and Year 1 top door, Years Two and Three middle door and Year Four bottom door. Nothing has changed in this regard. The end of school is different. We will have a staggered exit from school to reduce the queuing for parents and also reduce the risk of transmission. The schedule is listed below.

3.10pm- Reception and their siblings

3.15pm- Year One and their siblings

3.20pm- Year Two and their siblings

3.25pm- Year Three and Year Four

This means that parents who have children in multiple classes will only need to queue once, at the time that their youngest child is leaving. If only one person per family can pick up this would help reduce overcrowding. We hope that this works although I'm sure it will take a bit of time to bed in. Parents will need to arrive at the correct time or it could get very confusing! This is all new and we will review it constantly. Please be patient if you can, whilst we try to make these things work. We will send an information video explaining picking up routines before September. Please share this with anyone who may be picking up or dropping off your children.

The children will be able to bring in their book bag and will need their PE kit in school. If they are having their own lunch then they can bring their lunchboxes as before. Water bottles should also be brought in, clearly named please. We would ask that the children don't bring in things from home such as toys, games, cuddly toys etc.

Children in Years 2, 3 and 4 will need to bring in their own stationary equipment. A pencil, pen, pencil crayons, ruler and rubber should be all they need. If they can bring it

in a wipe down pencil case (not big fluffy, furry ones please) that would be very helpful. Reception and Year One will have equipment provided.

The children will be functioning in class 'bubbles' which will mean staggered playtimes and lunchtimes to ensure that they mix as little as possible. The key to controlling the virus is good hygiene levels and for children that is mainly handwashing and clean clothes. Our focus will therefore be keeping them as clean as possible.

It will be fantastic to see all of our children return in September as we have missed them hugely. Our school is just a building without them and we hope that September is the beginning of the end of this period and we can enjoy a full year with the children. Thank you for all of the support that you have given the school and your children over the past few months. We have been touched by the many messages of support and thanks and many of us know how hard it has been juggling jobs, home learning, family, shopping etc. I hope that you have a lovely summer and see you in September.

Mr K Allbutt