



## Reaching for the Stars !

3rd March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers ,

We are all looking forward to seeing all the children back in school next week and we are now finalising those arrangements to make that happen as smoothly as possible. We hope you understand that a number of staff remain anxious about the return of all of the children particularly as they have not received the vaccine yet.

Some staff have received it and we know that some parents have too, so the cover is still very patchy and a long way off the herd immunity we are aiming for so we need to remain vigilant and continue to take as many precautions as possible.

The weather seems to be getting better but we must all remain cautious . The vast number of parents and children crowded into Davyhulme Park on a regular basis does not fill me with confidence with having to organise the wider opening of school and the existence of new variants from Brazil and South Africa do not help the situation. And yet the staff and myself realise that families have been under severe pressure for a long, long time and we desperately want ALL the children to return safely so please help us and support the measures we are putting in place.

It (the coming out of Covid situation) is a bit like going down a steep grassy slope as a child, it looks safe ...it is really steep and wouldn't it be great to just give in to the urge to let go and run as fast as you can down that hill? Yet as an adult we know that one false step and we will tumble over, bruising an ankle or breaking a leg ...so let us all just take it easy and resist the urge to go full pelt down the hill!

In general terms we will be reverting back to the arrangements we had for much of December 2020 with a few changes as follows :

- Normal uniform should be worn with trainers (not boots), bring a clear water bottle in which is named and no school bags (only a lunch bag if on packed lunches).
- Please do not come too early, if you do you will have to queue up tight against the school railings so that we keep the pavement as clear as possible for Social Distancing.
- As few people as possible should come on the school grounds. Anyone coming onto the school premises must wear a face mask.
- For older children (Y3 -Y6) once your child has entered school grounds please do not loiter and wait for them to enter the building, say your goodbyes at the gate and then leave the pavement as clear as possible for others coming and going. Groups of parents standing watching their children will only create a bottleneck for others and reduce SD among adults (who as we know can pass the virus easily to each other with serious consequences).
- As the weather improves we will go outside as much as possible for the children. Please do not arrive too early to collect your children at the end of the day as this will only result in more 'bottlenecks' of adults waiting on the pavement.
- We would like to give the opportunity for Y6 pupils to have a hot meal if they choose under the usual arrangements for school..
- As the weather improves we are going to have pupils on packed lunches eating outside as much as possible.
- Remote learning will only be in place for pupils who are isolating with their families.

These arrangements will be constantly under review along with our risk assessment. They may seem strict but we do not want to risk a return to isolations for entire Learning Bubbles or partial closure of the school for significant numbers of pupils and staff.

**If you or a member of your household go for a covid test then please, please, please do not send them into school until you have the result and only send them in if the result is negative.**

I have attached detailed information for EYFS/KS1 and KS2 any queries should be raised with the school office for clarification in the first instance.

Yours sincerely

Mr. P. McDowell