



## Important Information for the Return to School from 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents /Carers

As we approach the return to school following the lockdown due to Coronavirus, I thought it important to inform you of some of the changes which will be necessary on our return. These changes have been made in order to make our school as safe as possible for all members of our school community. The running of the school will be kept under regular review and further amendments may be necessary as we move forward. For new or additional information please regularly visit our website <https://ctk.lancs.sch.uk/> and follow us on Facebook and/or Twitter.

You will be aware that this year our annual **Home School Consultation Day** will take place virtually on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March**. This is an excellent opportunity to meet with your child's House Tutor to discuss progress in all aspects of school life. During half term you were sent information about how to make an appointment for yourself and your child using "Parents Bookings" along with guidance about how to access meetings on the day. Additional appointments need to be made for Year 9 students to discuss their options choices. Further information is available on the school website.

Please make every effort to join us for Home School Consultation Day and contact school if you are experiencing any difficulties making appointments.

In the meantime please accept my thanks for everything that you have done to support your child's learning during this lockdown. My colleagues and I really appreciate all that you have done.

I hope that you find the following information helpful and I look forward to welcoming your child back to school very soon.

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### When does my child return to school?

The return to school has been staggered to allow for Covid-19 testing to take place. Your child should return to school as follows:

Year 11	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> March @ 8.40am*
Year 10	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> March @ 11.50am (lunch not provided)
Year 9	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March @ 8.40am*
Year 8	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March @ 11.50am (lunch not provided)
Year 7	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March @ 8.40am*

\* Please note that testing will be available from 8.00am for students who are able to arrive early.

The school bus will operate as normal from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Additionally for Year 10 and Year 8 students who will be starting at 11.50am on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> March respectively, the bus timetable will be as follows:

Bus Stop	Time
Preston Bus Station	11.10am
Acregate Lane	11.10am
Ribble Lodge	11.22am
Moor Nook shops	11.25am
Hesketh Road	11.28am
Tudor Avenue	11.35am
Skeffington Road	11.40am
Arrive at Christ the King	11.50am

After this initial starting time and date, students will follow the normal school day with each day beginning at 8.40am and finishing at 2.45pm.

### **Covid-19 Testing for Students**

Students will be tested for Covid-19 on their return to school and will need to have a negative test result before returning to lessons. Your child will be given 3 Lateral Flow Tests during the first two weeks in school. Results will be shared using one of the telephone numbers the school has on our records. In the event of a positive test result, we will contact parents directly to discuss the necessary course of action.

Parents /Carers must contact school if they do not consent to their child being tested.

Following their initial 3 tests in school, students will be provided with test kits which they will be expected to undertake at home.

### **Is attendance compulsory?**

Yes, it is the legal duty of all parents to ensure that their child attends school, attendance is not optional. We will resume our policy of following up on all unexplained absences and take additional measures where appropriate.

### **Will the school buses operate as normal?**

Yes. There will be 2 dedicated 721 buses in the morning and after school. Where possible students are encouraged to walk or cycle to school or for parents to drop them off. The school bus should only be used where there are no other alternatives. Students using the buses must:

- Wear a face mask at all times whilst on the bus.
- Maintain social distancing wherever possible.
- Treat other bus users and Stagecoach staff with respect at all times.
- Behave in a manner which meets the expectations of the school's Behaviour Policy.
- In the morning get on to the first bus to stop and not wait for the second bus as it may already be full.

Fares are £1.20 for a single journey or £2.20 for a return.

### **Should my child wear a face mask in school?**

The government has advised that face masks should be worn in all indoor communal areas of school. Additionally, masks are now expected to be worn by students and staff in classrooms. Please note that visors can no longer be used as an alternative to masks.

### **Will there be changes to the organisation of the school?**

In order to enhance the safety of all members of the school community we will continue to implement significant changes to the day-to-day running of the school. Where possible, year groups will remain separate from each other. Year groups will be taught in specific areas of the school with teachers rather than students moving around the school at change of lessons. This will help to maintain 5 year group "bubbles".

### **Will my child still do practical subjects?**

Practical subjects will still be taught. Students will move from their designated areas to the classrooms where practical lessons can be taught.

### **Will my child be in the same Tutor Group?**

Students will continue to be in a Tutor Group with members of their own year group.

### **My child has special educational needs. Will they still receive support?**

The Learning Support Department will continue to provide support and intervention for students. This will take place in a manner which avoids students from different year groups mixing.

### **What will happen at break times and lunch times?**

Year groups will be allocated specific areas of the school where they must spend their break and lunch times.

Only “grab bags” of hot or cold food will be available at lunch time. These will be pre-ordered and collected from a specified location. Students not ordering a grab bag should bring a packed lunch.

### **Will the school be taking additional measures to enhance the safety of students and staff?**

Yes, every effort will be made to make the school safe for all members of the school community:

- Every child is expected to have their own hand sanitizer and will be encouraged to use it on a regular basis. Individual sanitizer will be available to buy from the school office at a cost of £1.
- Additional hand sanitizer stations will be situated around school. Regular handwashing should be undertaken by all members of the school community.
- An enhanced cleaning regime will be in operation.
- Social distancing will be encouraged wherever possible and practical. Please encourage your child to adhere to social distancing both in school and on the journey to and from school.
- Additional signage will be in place regarding movement around the school, social distancing and sanitisation. Please encourage your child to follow the advice and guidance which will be in place.
- Teachers and Teaching Assistants will teach from an area of the classroom which is 2 metres from the students at the front of the classroom.
- Teachers and Teaching assistants will spend a limited amount of time circulating in the classroom and will help students from a distance where possible.

### **What are the expectations with regard to school uniform?**

We expect all parents to ensure that their child has full school uniform for the return to school. Our official suppliers are:

Smart Schoolwear 54 Lancaster Road, Preston PR1 1DD Tel: 01772 200842

Top One Uniforms 39 St John’s Shopping Centre, Preston PR1 1FB Tel: 01772 200842

Please check our website for full details of our uniform expectations. Please note that extreme hairstyles (in respect of style, colour and length) are not acceptable, in particular closely or partially shaved heads, wedge or v-cuts with distinctive lines or tramlines and unnatural colours.

Please also ensure that your child has all the necessary equipment, including a scientific calculator. This is vital as we will be unable to lend equipment to students.

### **3G Sports Facility**

I am delighted to inform you that our new state-of-the-art 3G sports pitch is now completed and ready for use. It is very important that your child has the correct footwear to use on the pitch. Please see the letter about this on the school website.

### **Will there be any extra-curricular activities?**

There will be some extra-curricular activities but they will be limited to one year group at a time.

Study Support will take place for Year 11 students and we ask parents to support us in encouraging attendance. It is vital that Year 11 students make the most of this opportunity in what is such an important final year for them.

### **Will parents be able to come to the school?**

Parents will be able to come to the school office but may need to be patient in waiting to speak to the office staff. Social distancing will need to be observed.

Meetings with staff will be by appointment only. This will enable us to put appropriate safety measures in place.