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Dear Parents and Carers

We return to school still in the midst of the most challenging of times, under restrictions and with the spectre of Coronavirus and its impact hanging over us.

Many of you will still be concerned about returning your child to school.

The latest headlines about face coverings in schools is focussed on mainstream secondary schools. There is very little detail about how that impacts on special school provision. As soon as we are made aware of that information, school will follow the guidance that is given and share that information with all concerned.

We will be open for all our young people to attend school from the official opening day for students which is Thursday 3rd September.

The school has in place all the required precautionary and preventative measures as advised so far by Government, Department for Education and Lancashire County Council.

(You can read more about these and what parents need to know on the Department for Education website)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-full-opening-special-schools-and-other-specialist-settings/guidance-for-full-opening-special-schools-and-other-specialist-settings>

We were fortunate to be able to practise and refine these measures prior to the holiday period whilst over half of the students were attending school in the last two weeks of the summer term. This means we are starting the new term on the front foot and will have in place the structures, routines and procedures that support reducing risk; balanced with delivering an appropriate curriculum model.

In school, students will work in contained groups or 'bubbles' and mixing of these groups will be minimised with all lessons taking place in the same room. These are then part of a larger 'bubble' which is department based to allow some flexibility in the movement of specialist staff to support specialist teaching, therapy or specific interventions or intimate care support.

There will be a focus on the core areas of learning, with access to more creative activities and options. Frequent handwashing, cleaning and encouraging distancing has become routine and will continue in school. Where required, Personal and Protective equipment is available for adults who are working with the most vulnerable in school or those who require intimate care and support or



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medical/behavioural intervention.

There are clear 'rules', strategies and supervision to ensure safe break and lunchtimes and for the start and end of the day, including drop off and collection.

Risk assessments for the safe operation of the building and premises and the organisation within it during the day have been put in place and have been updated as new guidance and advice becomes available.

Everyone in school will continue to do everything they can to make being in school as safe and secure as it possibly can be.

We are looking forward to seeing those who will be starting with us for the first time and everyone else who is returning on Thursday.

Keep safe and continue to follow appropriate guidance and advice regarding social distancing, meeting up in households or groups, maintain frequent handwashing and face coverings in shops; taking the necessary precautions to ensure you all remain as safe as possible.

If you or any of your household show any symptoms whatsoever linked to the virus please do not come to school. Book a test and let school know.

Symptoms include:

High Temperature

New consistent cough

Loss or change to sense of taste and or smell

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Shaun Jukes'.

Shaun Jukes, Headteacher