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Dear Parents and Carers

Many of you will be concerned about schools and what will be happening in September.

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

In order to do this school has in place all the required precautionary and preventative measures as advised 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>

However, school has been made aware that LCC schools transport are struggling to put in place under current guidance the required number of minibuses and taxis to meet the demand and challenge of getting everyone to and from school. They are looking at solutions to this issue and further information will follow once it is available.

It could include the possibility of staggered start and finish times, double runs and asking parents/guardians wherever possible to bring and collect children themselves.

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, balanced with access to more creative activities and options. Frequent handwashing, cleaning and encouraging



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distancing has become routine and will continue. 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 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 are updated as new guidance and advice becomes available.

In short the school, its leadership, management and all the staff have been and will continue to do everything they can to make being in school as safe and secure as it possibly can be in responding to COVID19, in this unprecedented of times.

I look forward to seeing everyone return safely in September. If anyone has any queries or concerns we are happy to discuss those either prior to the summer holidays (before Monday 20th July) or prior to school opening for students on the 3rd September. (From the 1st September.)

Please note school will not be open for the duration of the summer holidays other than for maintenance, continued deep cleaning and servicing.

I urge every single one of you and ourselves to continue following the guidance and advice regarding social distancing, frequent handwashing and the necessary precautions you need to follow to ensure you all remain as safe as possible.

If you show any symptoms whatsoever do not come to school and please book a test.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Shaun Jukes'.

Shaun Jukes, Headteacher