



Weeton St Michael's

CHURCH of ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Good afternoon and a very warm welcome back to school from all of the staff here at Weeton St Michael's. I trust you have all had a relaxing holiday, catching up with family and friends, and are recharged and ready for a busy term. It was a delight to see the children enthusiastically coming back into school with smiling faces and breathing life into the classrooms and playground once more. They have had a wonderful day getting to know each other, new staff and new routines and are already showing a determination to succeed.

As the new Headteacher I am already so proud of the amazing staff and children at Weeton St Michael's and am looking forward to getting to know all of the families too so please introduce yourself when you see me on the playground. I am excited about what, together, we will achieve over the coming months and years.

We also welcome two more new members of staff. Mrs Taylor as the new Year 5&6 teacher and Mrs Boughey as the new TA in the Infants. We wish them well in their new adventure with us as we build a new team together.

Key information reminders for the new term.

Punctuality and Attendance:

As well as being statutory, regular attendance at school is key to ensuring children achieve well at our school. Our normal attendance procedures will be in place, including support and intervention where necessary. If your child will be absent for a genuine reason, please inform the school office as soon as possible in the morning on the number above, via parent app or via email to bursar@weeton-st-michaels.lancs.sch.uk. Please do not use Class Dojo messages for attendance.

School starts at 8.45 and staff will be on the playground from 8.40. Please ensure your child arrives to school on time. Classroom doors will be shut at 8.45, after which time, children will need to be taken to the school office.



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COVID-19 guidance:

We now move into the next phase of the COVID-19 guidance and the updated Risk Assessment is on the website. We continue to follow the renewed government guidance. The main changes are as follows:

- 1) Face masks on school premises are advised but optional.
- 2) Bubbles are no longer required.
- 3) NHS Test and Trace will be taking over contact tracing in the event of a positive case in school. Close contacts will no longer need to isolate, but it will be recommended that they take a PCR test. They do not need to isolate whilst they await their results.
- 4) If your child has one of the COVID-19 symptoms, please keep them off school and book a PCR test. Please advise school of their absence via the normal means – parent app, email to bursar@weeton-st-michaels.lancs.sch.uk or telephone the office.
- 5) Please inform school at the earliest opportunity of any positive COVID-19 result.
- 6) Schools are no longer required to routinely inform parents of every positive COVID-19 case unless there is an outbreak, at which point we will seek advice from Public Health England and the DfE.

We will continue to keep the situation under review and will keep you informed of any changes.

Hygiene and social distancing measures will be maintained and we will continue to reiterate to the children the importance of:

- 1) Regular handwashing and sanitising
- 2) Using a tissue and following the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' for coughs and sneezes and using the inside of their elbow if a tissue is not available.
- 3) Telling us if they experience any of the main symptoms of COVID-19 and staying off school if they do
- 4) Keeping a safe distance and maintaining the one way system at drop off and collection (in through the school entrance and out through the church gate.

Remote education:

If your child is unable to attend school for reasons relating to COVID-19, and are well enough, work will be provided through Class Dojo in the normal way. Please ensure you have a login and if you need any support with this, just let your teacher know.

Communication with school:

Next week I will be sending out a communication policy which will outline the different means of communication we have in school and hopefully prevent confusion.

I pray that we will be able to return to a sense of normality over the next term and that we manage to stay healthy and well. We are very much looking forward to sharing our learning with you.

Yours faithfully

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Headteacher