



ST. PAUL'S
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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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From the words of St. Paul... 'Encourage one another and build each other up'.

*'Be strong now, because things will get better.
It might be stormy now, but it can't rain forever.'*

Friday 18th September 2020

Headteacher news

We're aware that some parents have not been receiving emails from the school over the summer period as they were going to email junk folders. Please can you check your junk folder and ensure that any school emails have been read and actioned. We may need to communicate a significant amount of important information over the next few weeks and months and it is crucial that all parents are receiving this information. Updated information can also be found on our school website, PTA Facebook and our school Twitter page.

Lockdown rules are changing this weekend. We know it's hard, we know how frustrating it is, however we are currently one of the very few schools not to have a confirmed case in the valley. Please continue to help us and all the precautions we have put in place to keep you and your children all safe in school, **by only having two households of no more than six people together as the current guidance states.** New guidance has now been received - please keep watching the news to keep up to date with the changes.

New local lockdown restrictions are to be introduced in Lancashire from Tuesday 22nd September, with the exception of Blackpool.

The new restrictions are:

- Residents **must not** socialise with other people outside of their own households or support bubble in private homes and gardens;
 - Hospitality for food and drink will be restricted to table service only; and
- Late night operating hours will be restricted, with leisure and entertainment venues including restaurants, pubs, and cinemas, required to close between 10pm to 5am.
 - Only to use public transport for essential purposes, such as travelling to school or work
 - Avoid attending amateur and semi-professional sporting events as spectators.



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If we have any confirmed cases, I will inform those affected and we will close bubbles & classes. I have no benefit from hiding this information from you and would not put our staff or any of our children at risk. So please be assured that we will alert you as soon as we know.

Starting Reception in 2021 or moving onto high school

For families living in the Lancashire area who require a primary or secondary school place in September 2021 the means of application is via Lancashire's new online system at:

www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

This is a quick and easy way and offers an email receipt of all submitted applications. Please ensure that you hit the 'submit' button when you are ready to send in your completed online application. You must apply even if you have siblings at your preferred school or academy.

The closing dates for applications for September 2021 are at 11.59pm on:

Secondary applications - 31st October 2020

Primary applications - 15th January 2021

} See attached
flyers for more information

Important updated information regarding coronavirus.



As you are all aware there is a current peak in Rossendale. We have many staff, parents, grandparents and children who enter our school grounds who have underlying health conditions. Due to the large numbers of people on our playgrounds, despite our staggered start and collection times, **it is extremely important that all adults wear masks at drop off and collection times to avoid spreading the virus further.** If this is not adhered to, we will have no other option than to further spread out our opening and closing times and install the one-way system again and close off the ring road to all traffic. **Please be responsible and help everyone in our school family to stay safe!**

If anyone in your school becomes unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), they must be sent home and be advised to follow the [guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#). This sets out that they must:

- self-isolate for at least 10 days
- arrange to have a [test to see if they have coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)



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COVID-19 (coronavirus) absence: A quick guide for parents / carers



What to do if...	Action needed	Back to school...
 ...my child has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child shouldn't attend school Child should get a test Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result Inform school immediately about test results 	...when child's test comes back negative and child is well enough
 ...my child tests positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child shouldn't attend school Child self-isolates for at least 10 days from when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) Inform school immediately about test results Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - even if someone tests negative during those 14 days 	...when child feels better, and has been without a fever for at least 48 hours They can return to school after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of smell / taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection is gone.
 ...somebody in my household has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child shouldn't attend school Household member with symptoms should get a test Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result Inform school immediately about test results 	...when household member test is negative, and child does not have COVID-19 symptoms*
 ...somebody in my household has tested positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child shouldn't attend school Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - even if someone tests negative during those 14 days 	...when child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during the 14 days

What to do if...	Action needed	Back to school...
 ...NHS Test and Trace has identified my child as a 'close contact' of somebody with symptoms* or confirmed COVID-19 (coronavirus)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child shouldn't attend school Child self-isolates for 14 days (as advised by NHS Test and Trace) – even if they test negative during those 14 days Rest of household does not need to self-isolate, unless they are a 'close contact' too 	...when the child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during those 14 days
 ...we / my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not take unauthorised leave in term time Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel Provide information to school as per attendance policy Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child shouldn't attend school Whole household self-isolates for 14 days – even if they test negative during those 14 days 	...when the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed for the child, even if they test negative during those 14 days
 ...we have received advice from a medical / official source that my child must resume shielding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child shouldn't attend school Contact school as advised by attendance officer / pastoral team Child should shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again 	...when school / other agencies inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again
 ...I am not sure who should get a test for COVID -19 (coronavirus)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only people with symptoms* need to get a test People without symptoms are not advised to get a test, even if they are a 'close contact' of someone who tests positive 	...when conditions above, as matching your situation, are met

* Symptoms include at least one of a high temperature; a new continuous cough; a loss of or change to your sense of smell or taste. See more at: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

For further information:
gmhscp.contacttracing@nhs.net
gov.uk/backtoschool

School grounds

We realise how difficult it can be to park close to school, especially on wet days however please be mindful of the same parking etiquette on school grounds. Do NOT park in the disabled spaces or in our STAFF carpark even when dropping off and collecting for BYT and be respectful to our neighbours by not blocking their driveways or leave your engines running. We must all play a part in keeping our children safe. We would encourage as many of you to walk or cycle to school.

Free School Meals and Pupil Premium

Your child will get free school meals if they're in Reception class, Year 1 or Year 2. You will however still need to register with us if you are in receipt of any of the following benefits as your child's school can get extra funding, called Pupil Premium. Children in years 3, 4, 5 or 6 could also be entitled to free school meals.

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999



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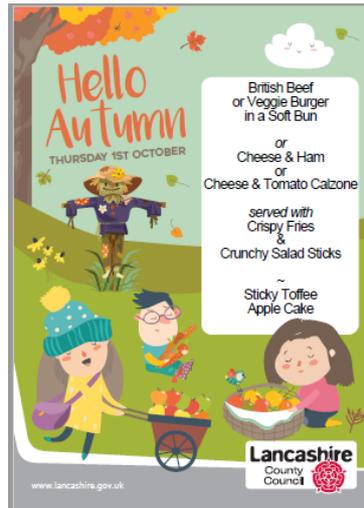


- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

You can check if you are eligible by visiting:

www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school.aspx

School Meal Promotion - Thursday 1st October



Dates for your diary...

Monday 26th October - Half Term holiday week

Friday 9th October - Hello Yellow Well-being day

Monday 2nd November - Staff training day - School closed

Tuesday 3rd November - Children return to school from half term break

Reflective Friday



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