

THE PRESCOT SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to thank you and your child for the positive start in supporting the reopening of the school this week following our enforced closure. It is good to be back and see and hear children around the building learning and interacting with each other. Our students have adapted to the new routines that we have put in place to keep themselves, their families and our staff safe, it is true that we would all rather not have them but in the current situation we are in they are there to ensure that we look after our whole community.

Regular hand washing and sanitation of hands is important against the spread of Covid-19, children are regularly reminded to clean hands in school, please can you encourage your child at home and encourage social distancing whilst outside school.

We have received a number of calls regarding masks in school. At this moment in time, masks are not mandatory, however we are now recommending students wear them when moving between classrooms and in communal areas.

We would ask you to please follow government guidance regarding sending children who are displaying symptoms of covid-19 in to school, please keep them at home and organise a test by contacting the NHS on 119 or www.gov.uk. Siblings must also remain at home, please let us know the test results, if they are negative your child and any siblings may return when they are well, if positive the child who has been tested may return when well but brothers and sisters must continue to isolate for a total of 14 days. If you do not have your child tested they must remain at home for 14 days. All of us want children in school and this will help us to control the spread of the virus.

If your child is sent home with symptoms we will ask you to take them to be tested, as above all family members must isolate for 14 days or until a negative test result is received, it is important that you keep us informed of the results or they and their siblings will not be allowed back into school until the end of the 14 day period.

We have made a difficult decision not to have an Open Evening this year, instead we will be producing a series of short films showing life in school, this will be posted on our website for current and prospective parents to see. Year 7 photographs will still go ahead this year on Friday, 18th September 2020.

If you wish to speak to a member of staff please ring the school office and we will arrange an appointment, we are keeping meetings limited but we can make arrangements to phone or meet via zoom as an alternative. Staff are also available via email, please do not hesitate to get in touch with any concerns or queries.

Please check with your child that they have got their school email address and are able to access their emails and class chart, science and maths login details, these platforms are there to support learning and doing homework and are a way of submitting work to staff for feedback. Key stage 3 students (years 7,8 and 9) will all have subject knowledge organisers (SKO) to support learning at home, these reinforce learning in school.

I appreciate that these are challenging circumstances and we share your priority to keep children safe and well. We will continue to work hard to provide a safe place for all our children and staff, and value your support through this difficult time.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A L Kennedy
Head of School



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