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St. Clare's Catholic Primary School
Sharoe Green Lane,
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Dear Parents and Families,

We are all delighted that there is some 'light' and all the children are due to return to school on Monday the 8th of March. Staff are really looking forward to having full classes and I am looking forward to hearing the buzz of active learning throughout the school.

Please read the following information carefully:-

General Information:

All children are to come in full school uniform.

No PE kit is to remain in school. We ask that on the day your child is to take part in PE that they come in their outdoor kit for the whole day - School Sweatshirt Hoodie and black jogging bottoms. Please remember that the school hoodie is only part of the PE kit and not to be worn in place of the school jumper.

All equipment the children require throughout the day will be provided by the school. You do not send in their stationery or hand sanitiser.

The children will need to bring their water bottle. It must be clearly labelled and must be easy to replace.

Geoff and his team are returning to school to provide hot school meals, although they are not able to be 'face to face' with the children. Lunches will be provided for all children as before which the children will eat in their classroom before going out to play. They will have a 'hot element' to them which I know the children will enjoy. We are strongly encouraging all families to take up the school meal service to help eliminate cross-contamination from home to school on lunch boxes etc. Key Stage 2 children will again have the opportunity to order toast, as in the autumn term it will be ordered on parent pay with a cut off time of Friday at 3pm the week before.



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If you have any messages you wish to pass on to the class teacher please contact the office via email and we will make sure they are passed on. (bursar@st-clares.lancs.sch.uk)

The advice around wearing face masks is for children over 11 and so they are not to be worn in school.

Class routines:

All classes will become a school family in their own right. They will not mix with any other classes at playtime and lunchtimes have been zoned to ensure that the children remain with their class.

We have established a thorough routine of hand-washing and cleaning for each class. Mrs Walmsley and Mrs Clarkson having extended hours to maintain this, using NHS advised systems and equipment.

We have made arrangements for each class to have their toilets. These will be used by both girls and boys but at separate times. Boys will not be able to use the urinals.

Drop off arrangements:

Before School Club:

Before School Club will start from 7.50 am. Please only use the door from the playground to reduce the traffic. The hall will be sectioned into classes to reduce contact with other classes. We have increased staffing from within our staff to support this.

Children will need to have a 'squirt' of hand gel on arrival, administered by staff. Coats and bags will need to remain in the hall until all the children are dismissed into their classes.

From 8.45 am, the children will be sent through to their class ready to start the day.

Before the session ends the children will sanitise their hands and must return to their class accompanied by staff.



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Start of the School day:

I will be on the church steps ready to collect children and send through to Mr Parkinson, who will be at the top of the playground. This will be staggered and for it to be successful you will need to remain in the car and your child to come and meet me at the Church steps.

8.45 am: Classes Oak, Cherry, Pine and Elder will be dropped off

8.55 am: Classes Rowan, Willow, Beech and Hazel will be dropped off

Children will access the school from the playground via the car park.

If you can, you should walk to school and we would encourage the children in Year 5 and Year 6 to do so.

If you have more than one child in school then please bring them for the earliest time, staff will be in class to meet them.

Pick up arrangements:

Parents will collect from the outside door of the classroom for our Key Stage 1 classes.

3.10 pm: Rowan, Willow, Hazel and Beech

Parents will collect from the playground for our Key Stage 2 classes.

3.20 pm: Pine, Elder, Cherry and Oak

Should your child be attending After School Club run by Mrs McCauley please contact her on 07879 241099.

There will be no extra-curricular clubs this term:

I will be encouraging you to leave smartly to reduce contact and I would ask that you remain socially distanced at all times. If you have children in more than one class you can pick up at the earliest time.



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If your child becomes unwell at school:

Please do not bring your child to the school if they have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or have tested positive in at least the last 10 days.

You must contact school DAILY if your child is off with a COVID related absence. If anyone in the 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 will be sent home and advised to follow 'stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection', which sets out that they must self-isolate for at least 7 days and should arrange to have a test to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19). Other members of their household (including any siblings) should self-isolate for 10 days from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms.

It will be so lovely to see children in school on the 8th of March. We have such wonderful things planned and there will be details to follow about this on our weekly school newsletter.

Staff continue to work hard to produce a recovery curriculum built upon the home learning, which we will launch on Monday 8th of March. We intend to invest our time carefully in closely monitoring every child through observations, assessments, planning and reviewing so we will provide quality-first teaching. I am sure you appreciate the enormity of this task and we continue to ask for your patience and support in reintegrating school learning back into your child's life. I cannot stress enough the importance of daily reading at home and the investment of really good conversations, talking, wondering, questioning, critical thinking and building your child's vocabulary.

As a school family together I know that the children will continue to thrive here at St Clare's and I look forward to working together for the rest of this academic year.

Keep safe and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday 8th March.

Mrs Charnley

