



Welcome

I would like to warmly welcome new families to Lammack Community Primary School and also welcome back the families we know well. It has certainly been a strange start to the new academic year! I hope you have all had an excellent summer and spent some quality family time together. Now that the new term has started, I am sure it has been quite emotional for many of you, particularly our new Reception families. If you have any worries or concerns please come contact your child's class teacher, myself (Mrs Duckworth Headteacher), Mrs Majid (Deputy Headteacher), Ms Greenwood (KS2 Assistant Headteacher) or Mrs O'Kane (KS1 Acting Assistant Headteacher) as soon as possible. We will try our best to alleviate any worries you may have and ensure your children are happy and settled at school.



Teachers are currently informally assessing children, to identify potential gaps in their learning so that these can be addressed over the next few weeks. We are confident that the children will make tremendous progress during the course of this year. Please can parents support us with this by ensuring that children read daily at home, practise their spellings and complete homework tasks that are set. We have an excellent partnership with parents and we are very proud of everything that we achieve together!

New Uniform

The children all look smart in their school uniform and I would like to say a huge thank you to parents for taking the care and attention to ensure that the children are so well presented. They are a credit to the school and we are very proud of them!

Please can I remind parents that children **are not allowed to wear any jewellery** at school – in line with our jewellery policy, which was approved by the Governors. This decision was made for health and safety reasons so I hope all parents will support us by ensuring **all jewellery** is removed before children come to school. At the moment, it is not safe for children to wear a small watch too due to the Covid situation and the risk of transmission. Children can wash hands better without a watch on.



The girls look very smart with their red hair accessories, which complement the rest of the uniform. Therefore, red hair clips, red bobbles and red head bands are fine but please can parents avoid buying big bows or fancy hair accessories, plain and smart is the ideal!

Update on Home Learning

As parents are aware, sadly we had to close a Year 6 bubble yesterday following a positive test result. The children in that bubble will self-isolate for 14 days, following guidance from Public Health England. Unfortunately, lots of schools around Blackburn and the whole country are facing similar challenges, where class/year group bubbles are being sent home if a pupil tests positive. I know parents are extremely concerned about the impact this may have on children's learning and well-being. I would like to reassure you that we are doing everything we can to ensure that children can continue with their learning at home if we have to close a bubble. All teachers are currently making learning packs that can be sent home with children should a situation arise. Mrs Brookes (Year 6 teacher whose Year 6 class is currently self-isolating) will also trial the use of Microsoft Teams to see whether live lessons can take place when whole classes are having to self-isolate at home. If this trial is successful, it will provide some face-to-face teaching so that children can interact with teachers and access online learning. The safety of our children is our number one priority, so we need to ensure that any online teaching is as safe as we can possibly make it for the children. We will provide further updates through newsletters over the next few weeks.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for working with the school during these challenging times. Parents have really supported us by following the guidance, supporting staggered drop off/pick up times, following our one way systems, avoiding coming into school, etc. All of these measures, as well as additional measures which have been implemented across school, are all helping to minimise the risk to our children, staff and families. If we can all follow the government guidance in all aspects of our daily lives, we will hopefully see a reduction in confirmed positive cases and then local restrictions might be eased further.



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