



## Reception Children

We are very proud of our Reception children, who have settled really well in their first full week at Lammack. They have arrived at school smiling and they have enthusiastically participated in a range of learning activities. The Reception staff have been really pleased with how well the children have responded, especially given the fact that they had a disruptive end to their time at nursery. We are confident that the children will all do extremely well this year and parents will be very proud of their progress and achievements by the end of the year. I would like to thank parents for working so closely with the school to ensure a smooth transition for the children.



## Secondary School Admissions

It is a very important time of year for our Year 6 pupils and parents as they make decisions about secondary schools for next year. **It is extremely important that parents apply for their secondary school choices by 31<sup>st</sup> October (this is the deadline that has been set by Blackburn with Darwen).** All applications now need to be completed online. Parents need to go to Blackburn with



Darwen's parent portal to access the online application. Parents will first need to create an account – this can be done by clicking on the link 'Create Account' and following the instructions given. Once an account has been created, parents will be able to select the three choices. It is extremely important that once the choices have been selected that parents click on the 'submit/confirm' link. Last year some parents did not click on this link and therefore the council had not received the application form – which resulted in the children being allocated places at schools that they had not requested.

## Flu Vaccinations for Children

This year, all primary school children are eligible for the flu vaccination. It is predicted that we could potentially have a severe outbreak of flu during this Winter season so it is important that all children are vaccinated to protect them from the risks of flu. GPs are advising parents that due to Coronavirus, it is even more important that children are protected against the normal flu.



In worst case scenarios, having flu and coronavirus, could potentially have a significant impact on the health of children. At least if the children have the flu vaccination, they will have some level of protection, which may in turn help them to fight other viruses.

We have been sent a provisional date of Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November, for the flu immunisation programme to be carried out at our school. Before this date, parents will be sent consent forms. I strongly advise that parents read the information that is sent with the consent form and I highly recommend that all children have the flu vaccination to protect them during the challenging Winter months ahead.

## Home Learning

We have had quite a few enquiries about home learning from parents, who are naturally worried about class bubbles closing due to positive Covid cases. In the unfortunate event of a class bubble closing, I would like to reassure parents that the teachers will be setting work for the children to complete at home. In such instances, children will be given a learning pack, which will contain valuable resources for the children to use at home. They will also access online resources/activities. We are also looking at using Microsoft Teams so that teachers can meet online with the children, explaining lessons and providing feedback, etc. We are hoping to trial this approach shortly and if it is successful, it will be rolled out across the school – should the need arise. We will do everything we can to ensure that the education of children does not suffer during any unavoidable class/school closures.

*Thank you for your support during this challenging period of time, it is greatly appreciated by all of the staff team.*