



Newsletter

Dear Parents and Friends,

I hope you are all keeping well, both physically and mentally. I know that, for me, it is the uncertainty of the future days, weeks and years that is causing me the most anxiety. I am always cheered, however, by the kindness and support of the Staff, Parents, Governors and wider community here at Stubbins.

As you may know, we now have three groups of children attending childcare, and we are following the advice that each group can hold no more than 15 children. Once again the staff and children have adapted brilliantly and the atmosphere is a happy one!

On Wednesday, I received the bulletin below from Lancashire County Council, explaining the decision making for opening to more pupils and the timescale involved.

COVID19 BULLETIN – 3rd June 2020

Schools guidance on reopening for more pupils.

Last week Dr Sakthi Karunanithi, our Director of Public Health, advised that schools and other early years settings that it was not yet safe in Lancashire to reopen to more children from Monday 1 June.

Dr Karunanithi will review his advice on Monday 8 June, and if it changes, schools will be encouraged to take the decision to reopen to more pupils from 15 June. If the advice does not change, the guidance will be reviewed again on 15 June.

As you know, the decision to welcome back more pupils to Lancashire's schools lies with head teachers, in consultation with their board of governors, taking into account their individual circumstances. We will work closely with you to provide advice and support. As has been the case throughout this emergency, all schools are encouraged to admit vulnerable pupils and those of key workers as long as their risk assessments suggest it is safe to do so.

Dr Karunanithi's advice was based on the concern that two of the government's five tests were not being met in the county. Having reviewed the statistics which showed there had been an increase in confirmed positive cases of coronavirus at a time when the NHS Track and Trace system had launched, but was not fully operational, his professional opinion was that it was not yet safe for schools to open to more children.

We are working closely with our local partners and the NHS and Public Health England to build a responsive and effective track and trace system for the benefit of not just our children, but all Lancashire people.

Our schools have been doing a brilliant job throughout this crisis to remain open to the children of key workers and vulnerable children. They have also been in regular contact with parents and pupils. Of course, we want to see children back in school as soon as possible. By keeping this advice under regular review, we can make sure this happens safely.

Message from the Chairman of the Governors, Mr Phil McKennell.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Danson and all the staff, (non-teaching as well) for going above and beyond their normal working practices at these unprecedented times and ever changing world. Over the past 12 weeks Mr Danson and his team have had to work through holiday periods / evenings and weekends making sure we have cover every day while constantly having to move / flex with Government guidelines to try and make sure we provide as much of a "New Normal" for the children at Stubbins until we can work through these times. I am sure these sentiments will be echoed by the parents as well as all of the Governors to thank everybody involved keeping all of the children, including our Key Workers children / vulnerable children safe and comforted at this worrying time. Thanks again and please keep up the good work, it's very much appreciated.

Mr Phil McKennell

Remember that we are here if you need us. Have a lovely weekend.

Stay Well ☺

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