

Newsletter



Dear Parents and Friends,

As we approach the end of another week, the news and advice continues to change! Here at Stubbins School we have had our 'bubbles' all sorted for weeks, with children being looked after in three separate 'bubbles' of no more than 15 children in each. Imagine my delight when I heard that the 'bubble' theory was being extended to the general public! I do hope that the 'bubble' in which you find yourself makes you very happy. 😊

In other news ...

Updated handwashing advice

It is essential that everyone washes their hands more often, using soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Hand washing with soap employs mechanical action that loosens bacteria and viruses from the skin, rinsing them into the drain. Drying hands afterwards makes the skin less hospitable to the virus. Hand sanitiser can be effective if soap is not available or the situation makes using soap less feasible (i.e. when outside) but using hand sanitiser provides none of the virus-destroying friction that rubbing your hands together and rinsing with water provides.

COVID19 BULLETIN – 8th June 2020

Message from Edwina Grant OBE, (Executive Director Education and Children's Services)

I am writing to let you know that our Director of Public Health has reviewed his guidance that schools should not welcome more pupils and has determined that it should not change. That means Dr Sakthi Karunanithi is advising that you should continue to delay reopening to, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 pupils, along with the scheduled plans for year 10 pupils in secondary schools. It is still the case that he believes two of the five government tests are not being met in the county.

Although the number of new cases has decreased, Lancashire and the North West has a high number of cases compared to many other regions in the country. Similarly, although the weekly death count in Lancashire is showing a downward trend, a consistent decline is not being seen in all areas, and in recent weeks we have seen an increase. It has also been widely reported that the R value for the North West is above 1. Locally, all partners are working closely in the development of our local response to support Test and Trace. Although some progress has been made, more work needs to be done to properly embed local expertise into the national NHS Test and Trace system.

Lancashire people have worked so hard throughout the pandemic in keeping the virus at bay. With various national lock down measures lifting, we need to remain vigilant in following social distancing rules to help prevent the infection spreading.

This advice will be reviewed again next Monday, and if it changes, we will encourage you to take the decision to reopen to more pupils from 22 June if deemed safe to do so.

Summer Holidays?

As you may know, The Rt Hon Boris Johnson MP, (Prime Minister, First Lord of the Treasury, Minister for the Civil Service, and Minister for the Union), has announced that there will be some form of catch up program during the summer months. I have been asked by both parents and staff about the implications of this, and whether Key Worker childcare will continue during the summer. I have been given no indication of what may or may not happen, or whether staff might actually be entitled to a break, having worked Half Term and Easter. I will, of course, let you know when things become a little clearer..

Lancashire SEND Resource Toolkit No10 June2020

I have attached the latest leaflet from the SEND team, which is for parents of those children with Special Educational Needs, but which contains lots of ideas and advice suitable for all.



Please remember, general help is available from Rossendale Connected at:



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Providing support for vulnerable residents across the Rossendale community

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For those in Bury, support can be requested from Bury Community Hubs by phoning: 0161 253 5353 (9am to 5pm).

Stay Well 😊

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