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Dear Parents /Carers,

Thank you for your patience whilst we have been digesting the latest guidance and the implications for the intention to have all children return to school in September. I know this will come as a long awaited relief for some of you. However, there will also be some parents who are anxious about what a return to school will involve. The government has set out its intent and plan which is based on a **twin strategy of limiting contact between pupils and implementing hygiene measures.**

Keeping children and staff as safe as possible is our main priority. This means that there will be some changes to the way we have to work. It is essential that everyone abides by the new guidance and it is crucial that everyone in our school community adheres to the new routines and procedures to ensure the safety of all. A risk assessment is being undertaken to ensure that all risks of contacting COVID will be minimised. There is an expectation that children will maintain social distancing where reasonably possible from September. Children will be assigned to a 'year group bubble' and we will endeavour to ensure that these bubbles do not mix as much as we can, and where practical. The risk assessment will be completed by the 27th August to ensure that it includes the latest guidance and has been approved by the LA. You can request a copy by contacting the school via the office email address enquiries@admin.twelveapostles.wigan.sch.uk or phone 01942 674312.

I have attached visual cues to help prepare your child for changes in school. Please note that school will reopen on **Thursday 3rd September**

Hygiene children that have been in school are now use to washing hand with increased regularity and this is still the case. They must follow good respiratory hygiene: coughing and sneezing into elbow or tissue (catch it-bin it-kill it).

Staggered Times and Entrance / Exits In the interests of keeping everyone safe, the procedures we have had in place over the last few months have been helpful. We will continue with the staggered start and finish times, drop off and pick up points. It is vital that we avoid parents congregating on the school premises. Only 1 adult is permitted to enter the school grounds to either drop off or collect a child. If parents drop off more than one child they must drop off and pick up at the earlier times.



Through learning and loving we will follow Jesus.

Please be on time as coming early or late will lead to an increased number of people gathering which we need to avoid. Please see details of start and finish times, drop off and collection points in the **attached timetable**.

Belongings We need to restrict the belongings that children bring in from home to reduce the risk of spreading germs.

Therefore, **no bags** or stationery should be brought in from home. The only items needed are: Lunchbox (if bringing their own dinner) which should be a Tupperware or plastic box that can be wiped (**NO FABRIC LUNCHBOXES**) a Coat and Sunhat (if needed). Children can bring a water bottle.

Uniform As from September children will be required to wear school uniform. At this time of year parents will be purchasing new uniform so please read and adhere to the following. Our website clearly states the dress code for pupils at school. Our uniform is kept simple so that it is easily affordable to parents.

See website: www.twelveapostlesleigh.co.uk
Click on the Parent Tab then school uniform.

Local Uniform Suppliers: A&H Rosenfield on Leigh Market, website: andhrosenfield.co.uk
Or Jaymax in Spinning Gate shopping Centre, Leigh Website: www.jaymaxuniforms.com

It is important that children have a warm waterproof coat for outdoor play as they do play outside in all weathers with the exception of extreme downpours.

PE Children must not bring PE kits to school but instead will be required to wear their kits on their PE day and if they attend one of the year group after school sports clubs that day also. They can come in plain black leggings or jogging bottoms worn over their PE kit: black shorts and red school T shirt with the school logo. They can wear either their school jumper, cardigan or a red hooded top. The uniform suppliers stock the hooded tops : £10 for a plain one and £12 for one with the school logo. Children can wear plain trainers on these day but **NO LOGO**. This is a change to our uniform policy.

PE Days

Rec Wednesday

Year 1 Thursday

Year 2 Wednesday

Year 3 Thursday

Year 4 Friday

Year 5 Monday

Year 6 Tuesday

Homework Following the success on class dojos and purple mash homework will now be set electronically. This avoids books being taken home and will include electronic books to read. However we also recognise the importance of reading a physical book and therefore your child may also bring a book home on occasions and these will be wiped down when returned to school or taken home.

Breakfast Club Breakfast Club will be operating from Thursday 3rd September. Places must be booked in advance. Please do not assume that your child has a place. If you want to reserve a place in Breakfast Club, please contact Mrs Gallagher in school or via the school email address enquiries@admin.twelveapostles.wigan.sch.uk. Mrs Gallagher has sent out letters to those that have been allocated a place with clear instructions. The policy for Breakfast Club is on the school web site under the parent section.

Toast and Milk As you are aware the children normally sell toast and milk, however we need to avoid them handling money and therefore if you want your child to have this morning snack you must send the money in an envelope with their name clearly marked on the **FIRST** day of each half term as we will make the toast to order. The cost for the half term is as follows
£3 for 1 piece of toast daily
£9 for 1 piece of toast and milk daily

After School Sports Clubs Mr Moore will commence after school sports clubs week beginning 7th September. To avoid the bubbles mixing these will be open to specific year groups one night per week and will avoid contact sports.

Monday Year 3 Badminton
Tuesday Year 2 Multi sports skills: non-contact
Wednesday Year 4 Netball /Basketball
Thursday Year 5 football skills non-contact
Friday Year 6 Rugby Skills non- contact

Children can also wear PE kits as stated above on these days.
Please email school if you would like your child to attend with subject : Year group and sports club and their name
enquiries@admin.twelveapostles.wigan.sch.uk

Dinner Time Lunch will be a mixture of eating in the classroom with some KS 2 bubbles eating in the hall. The cost of a school dinner is £2.25 and should be paid through parent pay. I am in the process of working with our school cook and metro Fresh to ensure a varied menu. The menus will be available on the school web site in the next few weeks.

Playtime These will be staggered so the bubbles do not mix. The junior playground will be divided into 2 so that 2 year groups can go out to play but remain apart.

Attendance

What we know is that it will become compulsory for all children to return to school in September. After the prolonged period of time away from school, please **do not** book holidays in term time as they will not be authorised and could incur fines. Please see the school web site for our holiday pattern.

<https://www.twelveapostlesleigh.co.uk/holidays-and-events/>

Transition

We would normally have held several transition sessions by now so that your child could meet their new class teacher and familiarise themselves with the new classrooms and teachers. We are very mindful, that for some children, returning to school in September may be rather daunting, especially if they have been at home throughout Lockdown.

As part of our transition programme your child's new class teacher is in the process of contacting all parents by phone to introduce themselves, discuss home learning experiences and any worries and concerns you may have. In addition they will be posting a video on class do dos with a Summer challenge and giving the children information about the year ahead and of course reassuring them.

Class Arrangement September 2020

Reception - Mrs Parry

Year 1 - Mr Ahmed

Year 2 - Miss Hope and Mrs Featherstone

Year 3 - Mrs Yates (she will move up with the current Year 2)

Year 4 - Miss Phoenix

Year 5 - Mrs Marsden (she will move up with current Year 4)

Year 6 - Mr Rowlands

For those current Reception children that have not returned to school this term and will be due to start in year 1, Mrs Parry will be available for the first 10 days in the mornings to assist with their transition. They will be able to spend time in the familiar Reception classroom environment and gradually integrate into year 1 in which they will work with Mrs Parry and Mr Ahmed. I hope this alleviates concerns that a number of parents of our youngest children have expressed. Mrs Parry will be with Mr Ahmed to greet these children as they enter through the year 1 door with their peers. They will also leave through the year 1 exit. Please see timetable for year 1.

COVID Symptoms

If your child, or anyone in your household, shows symptoms of COVID-19, you must not send them into school, you will be required to organise a test and let the school of the result as soon as possible via telephone. If your child shows symptoms of COVID-19 at school, you will be asked to collect your child from school immediately.

Your child may have their temperature taken during the day if they feel or present as being unwell.

Please bear in mind that the arrangements for September are subject to change if either the local or national data for infection increases over the next few months. If we have a confirmed case, it is important to note that all staff and children in that bubble will need to self-isolate for a 14 day period.

Finally, can I re-iterate how proud I am that you have shown great resilience in keeping learning going – whether that be academically, through your support with the work completed, or through many learning opportunities that may have arisen as a result of spending time together as a family. I look forward to learning about the new skills or hobbies that have been found during this Lockdown period. Well done everyone! We look forward to welcoming you back in September.

Kindest Regards

Mrs Newton

Headteacher