



Longridge Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents,

We are looking forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday. However, restrictions have not yet been lifted and our Covid19 Risk Assessment remains in place. We must ensure that children and staff are as protected as possible so that we do not have to close any class bubbles.

In order to help us keep everyone safe, please note the following:

- Children should not arrive at school too early so they are not waiting around outside for long periods of time. Years 1,2,3 & 4 start at 8.50am. Reception, Years 5 & 6 start at 9am.
- Only one adult should accompany younger children onto the playground.
- Please maintain social distancing on and around the school site.
- Please keep younger children with you at all times. Children should not be encouraged to mix with those from other classes.
- Please make sure that your child has a school jumper/cardigan every day as windows in school will be open for ventilation. They will also need a coat for playtimes and lunchtimes as it is still cold.
- Children should not attend school if they, or a member of their household, have symptoms.
- School should be notified immediately if someone tests positive so that we can take the appropriate action.

On return to school, It's very important that all children bring their **home learning packs** back. These will be needed and teachers will be collecting them in. Please also note that PE will be starting the first week back so all children will need a full **PE kit** as well as their **water bottle**. Toys and other non-essentials should not be brought into school.

Foodbank

We understand that some of our families have suffered hardship in recent weeks and the Ribble Valley Foodbank have asked me to remind you that they are there to provide confidential support and advice to anyone who needs it. They can be found at <https://ribblevalley.foodbank.org.uk/> or call 07849 534431.

Asymptomatic testing

Twice weekly testing of those who do not have any symptoms of Covid19 has been available to school staff for the last few weeks and is now available for adults in households with school age children. Please see the link below for more information.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff?priority-taxonomy=b350e61d-1db9-4cc2-bb44-fab02882ac25>

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Please be assured that on return to school all children will be reminded about distancing, handwashing and other school routines to keep them safe. For the time being, classes will still have to have assembly, play and have lunch separately so school will not be fully back to 'normal' just yet. However, we do want to make the new start as positive as possible for all our children, and classes will spend some time catching up with what they have been doing during lockdown and talking about all the things they are looking forward to as we approach Easter and summer.

I am also happy to share some good news with you. Miss Slater is expecting twins! The babies are due in the summer and everyone here is very excited for her. Those of you who know Miss Slater well, will not be surprised to hear that she does not intend to be away from school for very long!

I look forward to seeing you next week,

Catherine Parkin