

21st August 2020

Dear Families

I hope this letter finds you all well. It has been a strange time for us all in recent months so I hope the sunshine has helped you rest and recuperate a little.

Although the press has been full of stories about exams and return to school, the actual guidance issued by the government has not really changed since we broke up in July. This means that the plans I outlined to you on the 13th July are broadly what we are using.

The original letter and a Return to School Guide have been issued with this letter. It is vital you and your child read **all** this information very carefully. If you have any questions after reading all this you can email us on help@shuttleworth.lancs.sch.uk and one of our Pastoral Leaders will give you a ring next week.

There are a few details I want to add here in response to your feedback on the questionnaire.

1. Issues with buses

The guidance remains to try to avoid public transport wherever you can. I need to urge you to get your child to walk to school if you live in Padiham, even if they would usually have jumped on a bus.

A number of families have requested a direct service from Harle Syke. I submitted the request to Lancashire transport in July. As yet I have heard nothing from them; I will keep you posted with updates.

To help with issues I have tweaked our current school bus route to include Burnley bus station as a pick up and drop off point. I hope this will help some families. The details of the times are in the guide.

2. Siblings travelling to school together

A few families are worried about the different start and finish times for children in the same household. Some of you do not want year 7 children travelling separately from older siblings.

We have been able to resolve this. We will run a socially distanced study space in the sports hall if students arrive early/stay late because of a sibling. We only recommend using this if you feel you have to. Your child will have to stay seated and read/do homework for the hour or two hours.

*Please note this cannot be used for children to wait for siblings in other schools or simply to arrive early to school.

If you wish to use this service you will need to inform us so we can plan the staffing. Please email help@shuttleworth.lancs.sch.uk to let us know before the start of term.

3. Face coverings

Face coverings must be worn waiting for buses and when on a school bus or public transport. Masks should be kept in a plastic bag in pockets during the day.

At this stage we are saying no masks will be worn in school unless a student needs to be in close contact with an adult for a support session or with the school nurse, for example.

There is guidance on safe mask usage if you follow this link: [safer travel guidance for passengers](#)

We will keep this policy under review based on government and local guidance.

4. Food and drink

There is information about lunchtimes in the guide but I want to emphasise the ideal would be to bring your own food and drink, if you are not in receipt of free school meals.

We will be serving a very limited range of food which can be taken outside to eat and doesn't require plates.

We will be expecting students to be outside as much as possible at lunchtime as 250 children inside together is not an ideal scenario.

5. Pick-ups and drop offs

I know many of you will be using cars to pick up and drop off your children and their friends. Please can I urge you to arrange this away from the main road and car park entrances, as it is very dangerous to have cars pulling over and pulling out as children are leaving the vicinity of the school.

Given the circumstances I just need to pick up on a couple of practical things for you as parents. I am afraid parents and carers cannot just enter the school building other than in an emergency or by prior appointment. Staff will not be able to just pop down and speak to you I am afraid and we will be keeping any face to face meetings to an absolute minimum until the situation improves.

I also need to ask that adults and/or siblings do not come onto site or congregate around the gates at start and finish times. We are trying to minimise contact points wherever we can.

Finally a quick reminder about the return dates and times for each year group:

Year 7	Wednesday 2 nd September	8:30am
Year 8	Tuesday 8 th September	9:30am
Year 9	Monday 7 th September	9:30am
Year 10	Wednesday 9 th September	10:30am
Year 11	Friday 4 th September	8:30am

Please try not to panic about all the information and uncertainty. We will work with you every step of the way to help you feel as comfortable as possible at this difficult time. Our aim is to try to do everything in our power to keep us all as safe as we can. All these arrangements will be regularly reviewed in line with national guidance and are subject to change at any point.

Please remember to email help@shuttleworth.lancs.sch.uk if you have any specific queries, but do make sure you have read all the documentation first.

All the very best and looking forward to seeing everyone back in school.

Yours sincerely



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