

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Now that we have been back at school for three weeks this is a good time to reflect on the full re-opening of school.

Firstly, can I thank you for your overwhelming support on the new safety procedures. I appreciate the feedback that many of you have given to me at the school gate before and after school. Your suggestions have been very useful to help us tweak our procedures.

During this week I have been gathering the views of the children. I'm sure many of you have had conversations with your children about their return to school. I hope, like me, you have found that they have settled really well in their new year groups and are happy to be back at school.

Although school life is different for them, they recognise and understand that the changes are necessary to keep us all safe. They have adapted to the new rules superbly and you should be very proud of them, as we are. The staff at St Luke's are amazing and they have worked tirelessly to ensure that the return to school has been as normal as possible. It's obvious the conversations you have had with your children prior to them starting school contributed significantly to this as well.

As we move forward, and following today's confirmed case, I am sure there will be more obstacles to overcome. One of those is the continued rise in coronavirus cases within the local area over the last week.

I am determined to keep St Luke's Church of England Primary School open in a safe, happy and caring way, to make sure your children continue with their education. Therefore, I am requesting the following:

- That you wear a face covering when entering the school playground to drop off the children in the morning and when collecting them at home time. We have a number of vulnerable people within our school community who we need to help to protect. By wearing a face covering you are protecting those around you and helping keep St Luke's safely open. This is not a compulsory request and I recognise that not everyone will wear a mask. However if you choose to do so you are helping our whole school community.
- That you avoid sending your child to school with a school bag. We have also suspended the use of home/school diaries for the time being. If you need to get a message to your child's teacher please use Class Dojo. For urgent messages please telephone the school office (we request that you avoid, unless in an emergency, making last minute arrangements for your child's collection or after school club attendance).
- That you send your child to school in their PE Kit, with a plain black/blue/grey track suit over the top for warmth, on the days that they have PE. Class teachers will inform you of the days that your child has PE.
- That musical instruments are taken, by your child, to their classroom at the start of the day that they have their lesson, with the exception of keyboards which should be taken to the external library door at the start of the school day and collected from the external library door at the end of the school day.
- That you order your child's school meals from home in advance. If your child is absent please remember to cancel them to avoid being charged. Please ensure that you order/cancel by 09:00am.

Once again, I cannot thank you enough for your patience and support.

Keep safe everyone!

Yours sincerely,

S Hardaker

Mr S Hardaker
Headteacher

