



ST. THOMAS' LEESFIELD C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

Well what an end to our 2019-20 academic year! We would firstly like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all our parents and carers for your support during this challenging time. It has been very difficult and we have missed the children who have been unable to attend school since March very much. We cannot wait to get them back to school in September. We have remained open throughout lockdown and expanded our opening to many of the allocated year groups. We feel that we have done this safely and sensibly and feel confident that we can continue to do so for all children in September.

The Senior Leadership team and Governors have completed a thorough Risk Assessment for reopening which can be found on our school website. This has been verified by the Local Authority and will be reviewed weekly by the Senior Leadership Team.

We have made adaptations to school as per the guidelines although our bubble sizes have had to increase to accommodate all classes back in school. A major change that we have had to make is the need for staggered start and finish times to the school day. Therefore when all our children start back to school full-time on **Wednesday 2nd September** (with the exception of our Reception children who are on a part-time basis initially), we will have staggered start, break, lunch and finish times. Please find the start and finish times for each class below.

Year Group	Entrance/Exit	Start Time	Finish Time
Reception & Year 1	Annexe playground entrance/exit on West Street	8:55am	3:20pm
Year 2	Main Building Front Entrance/exit via West Street	8:55am	3:20pm
Years 3 & 4	Main Building Side playground entrance/exit via Thomas Street	8:55am	3:20pm
Years 5 & 6	Main Building Side playground entrance/exit via Thomas Street	9:10am	3:30pm

We ask that these times are adhered to and only one parent or carer brings/collects their child, we also ask that parents drop off and collect then leave immediately to ensure mixing of groups is limited. Parents can come to the school office if necessary but if possible please ring school instead. Full school uniform must be worn and children can bring their lunch boxes, book bags, planners, reading books as well as a water bottle and these will be taken home again on a daily basis.

Many of you may feel anxious about your child returning to school but please rest assured we will do everything possible to maintain safety and look after your children. We are aware that the children have missed a lot of school-based learning and this will be addressed as a priority in September. Our teachers and teaching assistants are excellent practitioners and will make sure your children are happy and will work extremely hard to plug any learning gaps.

We do apologise that this letter is full of rules and regulations however, this is necessary because we care and want to keep your children and our staff safe.

If you have any questions or queries please email the school office on info@leesfield.oldham.sch.uk and these will then be re-directed to the relevant member of staff to respond to. We will continue to keep you updated as necessary if and when we receive further advice and guidelines from the Government and Local Authority.

In the meantime, we hope you have a lovely summer and we will see you all back in September, take care.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Caroline Ireland & Mrs Paula Glynn
Headteachers