



Larches High School: Update for Parents / Carers

I am writing to update you with how school is operating currently and to provide you with some reassurance that we are doing all we can to keep staff and pupils safe.

We are following Government and Lancashire guidance as regards opening up the school to pupils and have completed all of the appropriate risk assessments. Should you want to see these then please do not hesitate to contact school.

I have received information this week that Lancashire has passed the peak of the virus however we must continue to behave sensibly to avoid a second wave as in some districts it is not yet stable.

In school classrooms, corridors and offices have all been divided up into 2 metre squares which look very strange but serve as a visual reminder to staff and pupils to stay apart. Hand sanitiser stations have also been put up throughout the building.

Each pupil eligible to come into school has been placed in a group with one member of the teaching staff and one teaching assistant as a "bubble". They have been allocated an entrance into school, different start and end times, a classroom space, a desk and have their own individual stationary pack. This is to minimise interactions and contacts. Anti bacterial spray is available in every room so that it can be used as is needed. The school is being cleaned throughout the day and every evening.

Online learning will be continuing with all pupils not eligible or able to come into school at this current time. If you have any concerns about this then please do let me know.

The Free School Meals Voucher scheme is continuing as far as we know and we will continue to distribute them as previously. We will be remaining with Morrisons – each voucher is 20 clicks on the computer to download and print so please appreciate we are not able to accommodate individual requests.

As the Government guidance changes I will keep you informed and ask that you please contact school to let us know if you or other members of your household are contacted via the Test and Trace system or are isolating. This will ensure that all risk assessments are kept up to date and we all stay safe and well.

Many thanks for your support over recent weeks it has been much appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher