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Newsletter

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Return to School.

I would like to begin by saying a huge THANK YOU to all our parents for supporting our new morning and after school procedures. Mr Cooper likes to call it – 'Operation Clockwork' because we now have a calmer, safer and more organised environment for all at the end of the school day.

It has been wonderful to see all the children happy to be back, reunited with their teachers and friends and settling back into school life. We have been mindful since we came back that all the learners would have had different experiences during the closure and, for some, it may be the first time they have interacted with other children since December. Learners have been supported by their class teachers and other adults to re-establish routines and accessed additional support where needed. There has been a real buzz of excitement around school and I am very proud of how the children have coped with the series of changes in their short lives. I do not think anyone in March last year would have thought that we would still be in a National Lockdown a year on, however it has been amazing how we have pulled together through these challenging times. It is comforting to see how well you and your children have adapted to the new world.

Moving forward:



Online learning will continue into the Summer Term as was the case when we came back in the Autumn Term. Learners will be expected to complete their weekly home learning tasks on seesaw and/or homework book.

Online learning will also continue for learners who are isolating at home due to a positive case in the family or if a bubble has had to isolate. During the Easter break, learners will be set learning tasks to be completed over the Easter holidays.

Parent Governor



Congratulations to Mrs Zoya Bhatti who was successful in securing a parent governor role in the recent school election. Thank you to all parents who expressed an interest in the role and who submitted a vote in the election process. School governors play an important role to support the school to develop and move forward.

Lateral Flow Tests

Lateral flow tests are used to identify non-symptomatic cases of Covid 19. If you or your child has symptoms, please continue to book a test online <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> If your child has symptoms and has a test please e-mailed to the school office office@lomeshaye.lancs.sch.uk

We are here for you:

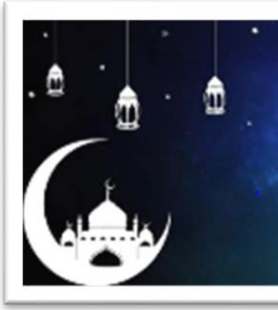
For many families, the Pandemic may have put you into a situation you would never have been in – this could be coping with bereavement, the loss of a job, financial difficulty, or just wanting to talk to someone – we are here for you. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with school via the Inclusion Manager Mrs Kelly at office@lomeshaye.lancs.sch.uk or by phoning to speak to

a member of the Inclusion Team. If we cannot help you, we can always point you towards someone who can. Pendle Community Support Hub can support with financial and debt advice, isolation support, and other services.

An advertisement for Pendle Community Support Hub. It features a red heart icon on the left. The text reads: 'Still here to help!', 'Tel: 01282 661743', 'Pendle Community Support Hub'. Below this, it lists services: 'Help getting food, shopping, prescriptions, support for anyone coping with loneliness, debt, domestic abuse, redundancy, mental health challenges, anxiety & more...'. At the bottom, it provides the website 'www.pendle.gov.uk/communitysupporthub' and a logo for 'LET'S DO IT' with 'Pendle' written below it.

Parent Teacher Consultation

The parent teacher consultations in May will be held via zoom. The class teacher will send you a time for when you will need to log on. After the Easter Break, we will be providing you with more information and requesting that you supply school with a contact e-mail address. Year 3 and 4 Parent Consultation will take place on Tuesday the 18th of May and Year 5 and 6 will take place on Tuesday 25th May.



Ramadan

As it will be the month of Ramadan when we return School, we wish all our families observing this month, a very happy Ramadan Mubarak. May this Ramadan bring immense joy to you and your family. A separate letter has gone out to Year 5 and 6 with regards to fasting whilst at school. During this month we want our whole school community to continue to be mindful of each other's needs and to be kind and supportive towards each other.

Dates for next year

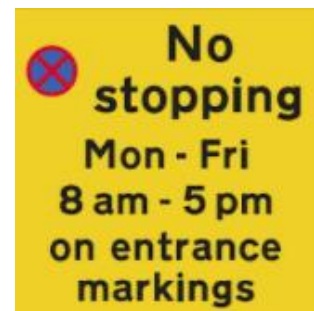
Please find attached the holiday dates for 2021/2022. As you are aware, there is a travel ban for anyone wanting to go on holiday at the moment. Looking to the future please be reminded that you must make an appointment to see Mrs Spokes before you make any bookings for leave during term time. If you are having to make an emergency visit abroad during the next few months and you have followed the Government guidelines, please will you contact school to discuss the reasons for travel.

Staff Announcements

We welcome back Mrs Fallows from her maternity leave and Mrs Mansell back to school from shielding.

Parking Penalty Notices

A number of penalty notices have been issued following breaches of the Highway Code outside school. Enforcement Officers will issue penalty notices to drivers who stop on the road to drop off or collect. In addition to breaking the Highway Code, stopping in the road also puts your children at risk as other drivers often attempt to overtake. We want to keep our school community safe. Please park safely before dropping off your child in the morning.



Finally

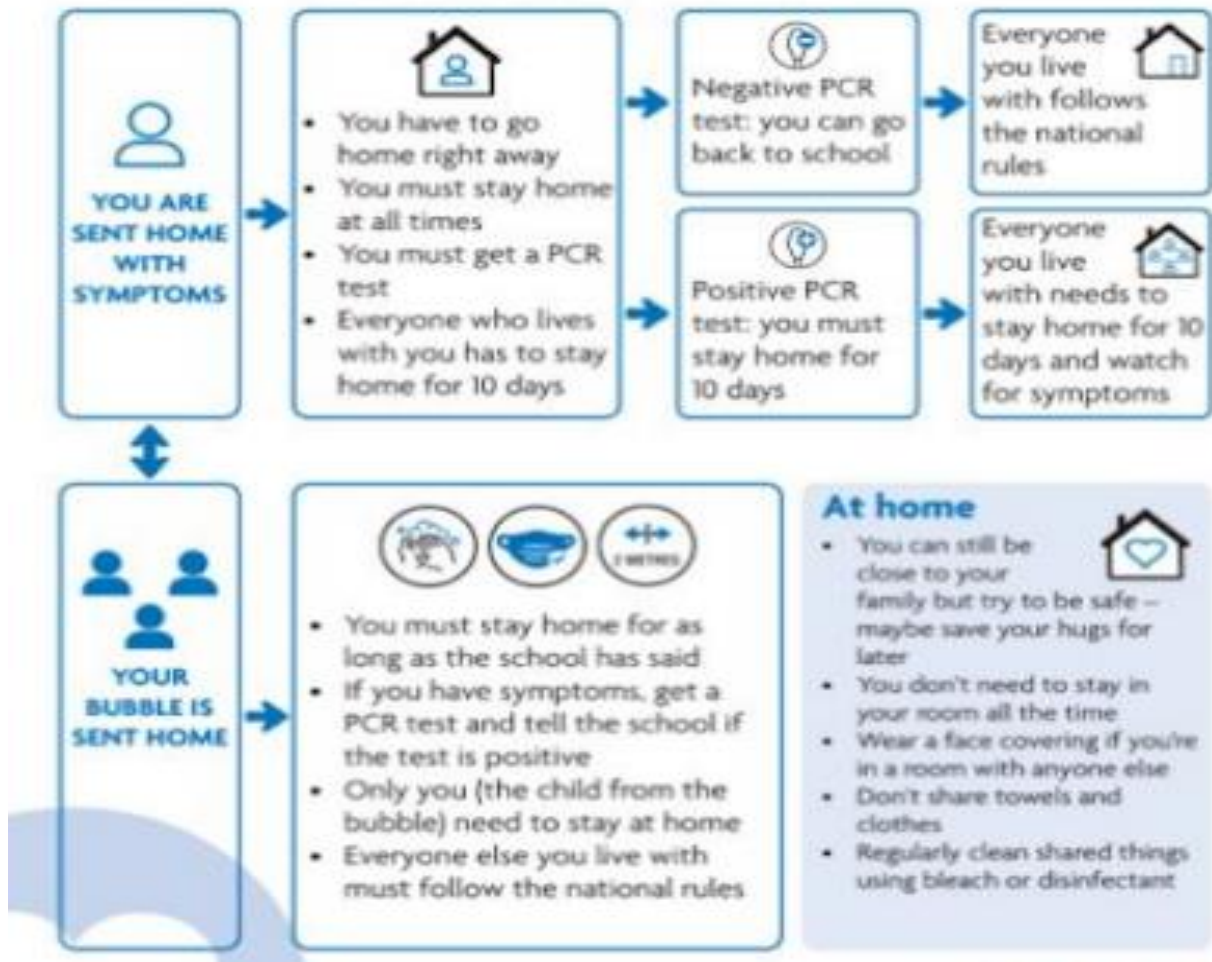
I am sure you will all share with me a hope for the future, that we have seen the last of school closures and that we have begun our route on the roadmap out of restrictions. The success of the next few weeks and months will depend on all of us continuing to follow the guidance. Below are some main points that I wish to draw your attention to:

- Please continue to follow school collection procedures.
- Follow the school request to wear a face covering for drop off and collection.
- Don't arrange playdates, sleepovers or parties outside of school. These are not allowed in the latest Government guidance.
- Explain to older children that they cannot spend time with their friends outside of school.

- Do not send children to school if they, or anyone in your household, has any symptoms of Covid. If in any doubt, please contact school.

IF YOU ARE SENT HOME FROM SCHOOL

because of COVID-19



YOU ARE SENT HOME WITH SYMPTOMS

- You have to go home right away
- You must stay home at all times
- You must get a PCR test
- Everyone who lives with you has to stay home for 10 days

Negative PCR test: you can go back to school

Everyone you live with follows the national rules

Positive PCR test: you must stay home for 10 days

Everyone you live with needs to stay home for 10 days and watch for symptoms

YOUR BUBBLE IS SENT HOME

- You must stay home for as long as the school has said
- If you have symptoms, get a PCR test and tell the school if the test is positive
- Only you (the child from the bubble) need to stay at home
- Everyone else you live with must follow the national rules

At home

- You can still be close to your family but try to be safe – maybe save your hugs for later
- You don't need to stay in your room all the time
- Wear a face covering if you're in a room with anyone else
- Don't share towels and clothes
- Regularly clean shared things using bleach or disinfectant