



Dear Parent/Carer,

As you know, the government are expecting schools to reopen for Year 6, Reception and Year 1 in June. Schools are being asked to continue to provide 'care' for the children of key workers and vulnerable families.

During the phased return of children to school our priority will always be the well-being and safety of pupils, staff members, parents and the wider community.

If you do decide to send your child into school, there will be a number of measures in place to try to keep your child as safe as possible; however, schools can only minimise risk and we cannot completely eradicate the risk presented by Covid-19.

School will not be operating as usual when it reopens: there will be changes which will be shared with you in the coming weeks this may include a rota system and part-time timetables. We will be following the government guidance on increasing the number of children attending school however this will always be guided by the well-being and safety of pupils, staff members, parents and our wider community.

The government guidance clearly states, 'We know that, unlike older children and adults, early years and primary age children cannot be expected to remain 2 metres apart from each other and staff.' Subsequently, we cannot guarantee this safety measure for your child if you return them to school.

Also, in line with government guidance, I feel it is important that you are made aware of the following:

- Due to upper limits on class sizes, it will not always be possible for all pupils to be with their year group class teacher and teaching assistants will be leading all learning activities in some classes.
- Pupils will not be provided with or required to wear face coverings during the school day.
- Playtimes and lunchtimes will be staggered during the day.
- Drop off and pick up times will be staggered during the day.
- Home learning will continue to be set. If your child is in Reception, Y1 or Y6, please complete the survey to help us understand your views on this matter.

It will always be your choice whether your child comes back to school. Parent /Carers will not be fined for non-attendance at this time.

We are currently undertaking risk assessments and initially we will be having **Year 1 and Year 6 in on a phased return**. We will be starting on June 10th for Year 6 pupils and June 16th for Year 1 pupils. More details will follow, for the parents with children in these year groups.

There will be no extra-curricular activities or Breakfast Club, we are inhibited from offering this because it would involve mixing the groups of children, which is not permitted at this stage.

Reception and Nursery will not be offered a place at this moment in time.

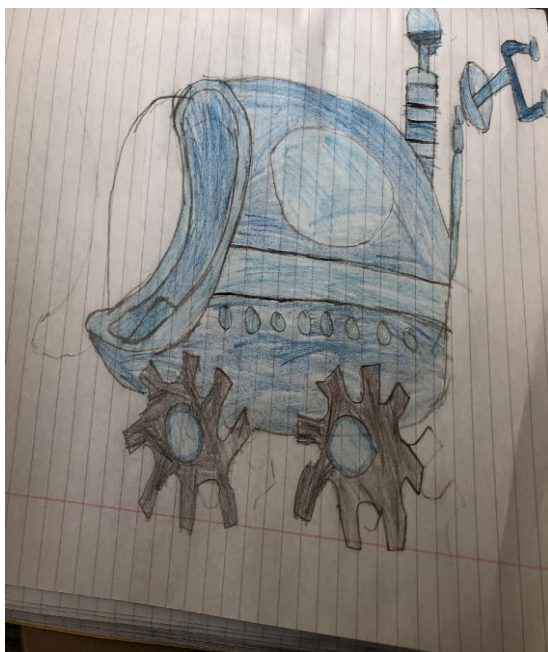
Please do not hesitate to contact me with any concerns or questions you may have about this information. I am more than happy to try and answer any questions that you may have.

Attached to this newsletter, is a letter from the Managing Director of Children and Young People of Oldham.

Home Learning

Well done to all the children who have been emailing their amazing work into school. Please keep it up.

Jonathan, Elm Class



Mayar, Chestnut Class



Voices of Hope



Saddleworth School needs your help in capturing the hope and community spirit of our area during these difficult times. Your work will be entered into a competition and as well as receiving a trophy and prize, all finalists and winners work will be featured in a published booklet available to all entrants!



Entries

The competition is open to all primary and secondary pupils in Oldham.

The theme of the competition is hope and community and you may submit a piece of work that captures how you are feeling during this time. It could be something which celebrates family, friends or our frontline workers or it could focus on how different our lives currently are.

Entries can be in the form of a drawing, painting, musical video, sculpture, poem, diary entry or any other media including videos.

Entries can be emailed to Mrs Briggs at c.briggs@saddleworthschool.org or sent FAO Mrs Briggs, Saddleworth School, High Street, Uppermill, Saddleworth, Oldham, OL3 6BU (These can be collected from the school office after the competition closes).

You will need to provide the following information for your entry to be considered:

The name of your School

School address

Your name

Your age

You can also send in a passport sized photograph of yourself to accompany your entry.

Please include a title and a description based upon what inspired you to create it and why you have chosen this title.

You may find the sentence starters below helpful:

The title I chose is...because...

This picture is all about...

What I like best about my work is...

I hope people will notice...

I like the theme I have been working on because...

My main ideas are...

My inspiration came from...

By submitting your work you are giving permission for your entry to be published and shared on the Dovestone Learning Partnership website.



Eid Mubarak

We would like to wish all of our Muslim families, joy, happiness, peace and prosperity on this special occasion 'Eid Mubarak.'

Half term

The half term holiday starts today for two weeks. Please take this time to do family activities. The home learning will be updated on June 8th for those children who will not be returning to school. Please remember if you need any support with your child's learning, please email school on info@broadfield.oldham.sch.uk

Awards



'Together We Can Achieve'



Pupil of the Week

Acorns	Zayaan
Nursery	Muhammad
Reception 1	Mikaeel
Reception 2	Esther
Larch	Mohammed
Beech	Aniyah
Maple	Isa
Chestnut	Mohammed
Woodlands	Manha
Sycamore	Yusuf
Elm	Saif
Oak	Hussain
Headteacher	Jonathan
Headteacher	Razia

Shout outs

Well done to the following children who have been logging into Purple Mash, Tapestry, sending work into school and giving of their best. Please keep it up.

Ismaeel Imran	Aydin
Michael Scard	Azaan
Umar Mahmood	Tanjida
Daniella	Rameesah
Aasha Noor	Ayub
Leighvan Hughes	Rachel
Roseanna Scard	Maha
Aniyah Ahmed	Rehan

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Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to you in my role as Oldham Council's Managing Director for Children and Young People and concerning the recent government announcement about increasing attendance at education settings in the Borough following the Covid-19 crisis.

Throughout the Covid-19 crisis, almost all Oldham schools have remained open, providing care for vulnerable children and the children of key workers. They have also been keeping in touch with vulnerable children and young people who are not in school; providing food for those children who are entitled to benefit-related free school meals and providing home school activities. We are extremely proud of the response from our schools, who have shown a very high level of care for their children, young people and communities.

A similar level of commitment has been shown by our early years' settings (nurseries, childminders etc.) who have been particularly flexible and accommodating in their response. Again, we are proud of the way in which this sector has responded to the challenges that Covid-19 has brought to Oldham.

Following the Prime Minister's announcement on 10 May, schools will potentially be open for children and young people in specific year groups on a phased basis from 1 June. The Government have asked that:

- All Primary schools to open for all children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6.
- Secondary schools, sixth forms, and further education colleges will begin some face to face support with Year 10 and Year 12 pupils, although it is not expected that these pupils will return on a full-time basis at this stage.
- All schools will continue to remain open for children of critical workers and vulnerable children in all year groups.

With regards to the safety of children, the Government has stated that:

- There is high scientific confidence that children of all ages have less severe symptoms than adults if they contract coronavirus and there is moderately high scientific confidence that younger children are less likely to become unwell if infected with Coronavirus.
- Limiting the numbers of children going back to school and college initially then gradually increasing numbers, guided by scientific advice, reduces risk of increasing the rate of transmission.

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The Government has advised school leaders to start planning for the wider opening of schools, which should include the following considerations:

- Conducting risk assessments so that sensible measures can be put in place to minimise those risks for children and staff.
- Ensuring that children and young people **do not attend** if they or a member of their household has symptoms of Coronavirus.
- Ensuring regular hand washing and good hygiene practices.
- More frequent cleaning on frequently touched surfaces, such as door handles, handrails, table tops, play equipment and toys.
- Minimising contact through smaller classes or group sizes and altering the environment as much as possible, such as changing the layout of classrooms.
- Reducing mixing between groups through timetable changes, such as staggered break and lunch times and by introducing staggered drop-off and collection times.

The Government is encouraging children in the eligible year groups to attend, unless they are self-isolating or there are other reasons for absence (such as shielding due to health conditions). Parents will not be fined for their children's non-attendance during these arrangements.

Further information for parents, including a series of frequently asked questions, can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-informationfor-parents-and-carers>

I know that Headteachers, Principals and their Governing Bodies are currently hard at work conducting the detailed planning required to allow their schools to welcome a wider number of year groups.

As such, the ways in which schools welcome back these year groups will look very different in different schools. Some year groups may move back into schools at different times, and during different parts of the school week, we would ask you to respect this. Decisions are being made on the basis of detailed risk assessments to support the safest return for your children. Furthermore, as circumstances change, school leaders may have to alter their plans at short notice.

You should know the safety of your children is the paramount concern of our school leaders. As soon as they can share their plans with you, they will do so.

Thank you for your time and patience.

Yours sincerely



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