

Monday 14th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back everyone and a big hello to all our new parents and children.

It is lovely to have our children back in school. They have all settled really well and are enjoying our Nurture Curriculum. Many thanks to all of you for your support and patience in dealing with our new routines at the beginning and at the end of the day.

It is a challenging time for us all, especially with the COVID guidance from the Government, Local Authority and Salford Public health being so frequently updated. Please be reassured that we will keep you updated with any new information as we receive it, so remember to check your texts and emails regularly. All updated information will also be posted on our school website:

[www.lewisstreetprimary.co.uk](http://www.lewisstreetprimary.co.uk)

### A few reminders that will help us

- Social distancing – Please remember to keep 2m apart on the streets outside of school when dropping off and collecting your children. Also, please leave the gates as soon as you have dropped off to avoid congestion in the area for the next bubbles arriving. One parent or carer per household please for drop offs and pick ups, where possible.
- If you wish to speak to your child's teacher, please ring the office to make an appointment rather than asking at the entrance as this slows down the line for others.
- Please arrive on time for drop offs and pick ups . These time slots are in place to support the bubbles not mixing. If your child is late then they will not be permitted to enter as per the parent handbook on the website.
- Please do not bring any cakes sweets into school for your child's birthday.

### Covid testing

Your help and support is needed to keep our school environment safe for children, families and staff in order to keep our school fully open at all times. Covid is still a risk and you may have read that rates of infection are still high in Salford.

Everyone has a part to play in the fight against Covid. I know most of you are really trying hard and are sticking to these simple to follow rules to keep your child and family protected.

If you or your child are unwell and think you may have the virus you must all stay at home to protect others. The person who is unwell should go for a test and let us know the results. To book a test go to <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/> or call 119 or 0800 952 1000.

You will now be able to get a test if you display **any** of these symptoms:

A new continuous cough

A high temperature (fever)

A loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)



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Please note it is now only possible, due to the high demand for tests nationally, to get a test for these symptoms.

- If you need any advice or assistance, you can call the Spirit of Salford helpline on **0800 952 1000**
- Wash your hands frequently and thoroughly for at least 20 seconds with soap or use hand gel if you cannot use soap and water.
- Keep your distance from other people when you are out an about.
- Wear a face covering when you are in shops, supermarkets or other public places.
- Do not invite people outside of your household into your home or garden (household support bubbles are exempt) and keep with your own household if going inside a pub or restaurant.
- When meeting others, please do outside in groups of no more than 6.
- Avoid car sharing with people outside of your household.

**Please refer to the updated Parent Handbook for more details.**

### Attendance and Punctuality

If your child is unable to attend school due to illness, please telephone the school office before 9.00a.m. Where possible, please arrange doctor/dentist appointments outside school hours.



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