



Reflection on 2021 2022

At the end of this school year, I wanted to thank you for your understanding and support as we have navigated through another Covid challenging year. Although it hasn't gone away, we have moved a long way to getting back to normal and I would like to thank staff and families for supporting our risk assessments and policies with the aim of keeping our school community safe and healthy.

We've weathered the sun this week and have enjoyed time in our beautiful grounds this summer term. Improvements to our external rainwater drains and planting has led to a new gazebo for pupils to use and our new commercial WIFI and Fibre broadband is complete which has enhanced the speed of internet for our staff and pupils. All grants provided by the Government for rural schools.

Thank you for your support for donations to school and participation and involvement in PTFA events. It's been lovely to get the firm favourite events going again and I am always in awe of the time and commitment that our families offer to plan and run these events. We really appreciate your time and the funding really helps offer enrichment for your children.

We have had many celebrations and successes this year. From winning the Girls WLSP Euro football tournament, getting to the final of the School Games in dodgeball and sports hall athletics competition, high places in Cross country and golf and we have recently been awarded Platinum (the highest achievement) in the school games award. In celebrating the Queen's Jubilee through our Arts Week, children were creative and we shared many fun memories together. Our choir performed at Young voices and with the One Voice Choir and they really are 'on the map' for their excellence and inclusion.

Staff have worked all year on enhancing and refining our curriculum offer to follow the science as to how children learn and ensure that children learn and remember more. As a small team, this work has been huge but the team have addressed this with passion and purpose. Our team has grown and we are proud of relationships within school and our relational behaviour policy supports and enhances this.

Our children have worked hard in their statutory assessments. School results and the comparisons to national results will be on our website ready for September. I will alert you to their inclusion. Well done to children, staff and you for great home school involvement.

Our school priorities this year have been to develop sustained writing for a variety of genres; the Arts Mark; subject leadership and Christian distinctiveness. We have progressed on all areas well and an update will be on our website for your information.

I would like to thank you for your kind words and gifts for staff. It is a joy to be able to teach your children and we acknowledge the special opportunities this affords. Thank you for trusting us with your precious family.

So to next year

Our school priorities next year will involve developing reading for pleasure both in and out of school; ensuring high level of progress for all pupils including pupils with additional needs; equality and diversity; and to build further on our Christian distinctiveness and living out our mission statement.

I would like to take the opportunity to outline a couple of reminders or changes for next year to help your plans to return in September.

Attendance

- This year, I understand that attendance has been a challenge for some families due to sickness, Covid and rearranged holidays. From September, could we ask our families to please avoid booking holidays in term time. Being in school helps us catch up lost learning and offers sequential learning. I can only authorise absence in term time in 'exceptional' circumstances following Lancashire County Council's recommendations. We look forward to having your children in school

Start and end of day

- May I remind parents about our start times.

8.40 door opens Class 2, 3, 4 – please don't drop your child off before this time as they may not be supervised.

8.45 Hall double doors open for class 1

We would like to encourage pupils to **arrive between 8.40 – 8.50 promptly** as we set morning work to prepare the children for a learning day. It can be distracting when children arrive late and they miss out on additional rehearsal and consolidation learning that children access from 8.40. Children should be in school for 8.50 as the **register closes at 8.55** prompt. If your child doesn't attend early but we feel would benefit from the additional reading morning work, next school year we will contact you directly and invite you to bring them in.

3.10 Class 1 school day ends via the hall double doors.

3.15 Class 2,3,4 school day ends and they will leave via playground

If we could encourage parents to come onto the playground to meet your child so the pavement is not blocked for pedestrians and your class teachers are on the playground should you have any questions or concerns.

Communication

- We will look to streamline our communication to help with clarity of messages. We are having a remodel of our website so information such as dates and class information are easily located and pupils work using the blogs will continue to share your child's education with you.
- Texts will include occasional reminders; Emails for general information and letters for important information only.
- Sports events; trips and school led clubs will be streamlined using google forms and school money.

Sports events; trips; school led clubs

- For any of the above, we will send a link to a Google form with all the details of the sport event/trip/club on it via text or email. Once completed, a copy of the completed form will be emailed by return for you to keep for information
- Where there is a cost to the clubs or trips, we will ask you to pay before the trip and club commences otherwise, your child may not be able to attend. If you have any difficulties in paying, as usual, contact school for support.

Google Classroom

- We continue to use Google classroom in school through hybrid lessons and for setting homework (in particular in KS2). Please keep familiar with your child's log in and check your child's work regularly. New Reception children will be issued their new logins in September. Older children in school, need to access their google classroom regularly to keep up to date.

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1 to 1 devices

- We will continue to offer the 1 to 1 chrome book device offer for £10pm for 3 years to promote independent learning on line with our digital age. The next offer will be to Year 2 in January 2023.

Parent workshops

- We will resume a suite of parent workshops to help you support your child's learning and education. These will include the following

Phonics – Class 1 parents

Writing – whole school

Maths – how to teach our calculations and White Rose Maths Mastery curriculum

Online safety

Dates will follow.

Uniform

- Thank you for following our uniform policy. Please ensure that your child comes to school dressed smartly in their uniform, with a waterproof coat and water bottle.
- Children will need a pair of trainers and jog bottoms in their PE kit. Reception children may benefit from a spare pair of underwear and socks.
- Girls are encouraged for health and safety, to have their hair tied up
- Only simple stud earrings are permitted and must be taken out by your child when doing PE. No jewellery- rings, chain or bracelets please.
- No smart watches to be worn in school
- Use of the school back packs and only essential school items brought to school.
- All items fully labelled as many lost and with names can be returned to the right owner.

Parent volunteers

- We always need help with drivers to sporting events because without them, we often cannot attend. If you can help, please let the school office know and you will be added to an offer list. Thank you in advance.
- We always need support for reading in school by volunteers.

We are also looking for an individual to be on a 'bank' list for staffing lunch time welfare and/or the hub in the event of staff absence. If you would be able to support us in either role, please let school know and we will ask for your help if we find ourselves needing it.

Parking

- Please don't park on the yellow zig zags to drop off or pick up as it causes a hazard for cars driving past and families walking and crossing the road. If I could ask you to let friends or relatives who may collect your child, know so that everyone knows. It is so important to keep children and families safe.

Lunchboxes

- Please only send your child in with healthy lunch box items and snacks. Please do not give your child fizzy or high sugar drinks, high sugar or high chocolate content food. Snacks should be healthy and not contain nuts or nut extracts.

Mobile phones in school

- Can we remind children that if they need to bring mobile phones into school (please avoid if not necessary) they need to hand them into the school office as they enter school and can collect it at the end of the day.

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School Office opening times

- The school office will be available for enquiries from 8.15 each day to 4.00. Any communications out of these hours may be responded to the next available day.
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Book and Football Kit amnesty

- If I can ask you to review at home, any books or sports kits used over the year and return them to school in September.

The Hub

- In order to streamline our processes, parents will be able to book directly onto school money for sessions at The Hub, before or after school. Using the same platform that you pay lunches or trips on aims to make the transactions smoother for you. Booking on directly will also enable us to staff the sessions better.
- The booking area will be open mid-August (as per the email sent this month) and I am certain you will benefit from the flexibility (book in up to midnight the night before the session).
- We are arranging an improved bell system for the hub to avoid waiting times on collection. We will inform you of this at the start of next year.

We hope that you have a lovely summer with your loved ones and wish Year 6 all the best in their transition to High School. We would like to thank them for a great final week. We are looking forward to catching up with you quicker than we know it, on September 1st 2022.



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