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A Message from Lancashire County Council

This is from: <https://www.facebook.com/124312450925812/posts/3944233462267006/?d=n>

The government has updated its guidance about schooling for parents and carers.

There's lots of really useful information in this guidance so if you're a parent or carer take the time to check it out.

One area that has been updated is around the places that are available in schools for children of critical workers and vulnerable youngsters.

If you're a critical worker, you should keep your child at home if you can as this will help relieve pressure on our schools and ensure there are places for those who don't have the option of keeping children at home.

There has been significant demand in some Lancashire schools for these places, so if critical workers who are able to keep children at home do so it will be a great help to those schools.

You can read the guidance by clicking below:

<https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/.../210108...>

A further DfE Media Release (8 January) states...

*'If a child has a parent who is a critical worker, it is for the parent to decide whether they are able to keep the child at home. **We encourage parents to consider the spirit of the lockdown when making their decision.***

At Tarleton Holy Trinity, we are very near to reaching what we feel is our capacity for the number of children we can safely accept into school during Lockdown. **Please keep your child at home if you can!!** Our next option would be to follow the advice below to prioritise which children can be given a place in our 'Hub':

1. *Vulnerable children*
2. *Children where **both** parents are key workers or children with single parents who are key workers. NHS and education key workers to take priority if needed*
3. *Children where only one of two parents is a key worker. NHS and education key workers to take priority if needed.*

At 12 noon today, Mrs Sudworth will be putting a 'form' onto the School App - if your child is attending school as you or your partner are a critical worker (key worker)...please complete the form as soon as possible. If we do need to prioritise places in the future due to a further rise in numbers, this information will then make it easier. Thank you!!

Partial Opening of THT update

- a) As you know, Tarleton Holy Trinity is partially open to children of 'critical workers' and children who are considered as vulnerable. For more details regarding this click [here](#).
- b) As I've stated above - We are reaching what we feel is our capacity for the number of children we can safely accept into school during Lockdown.

- c) Exercise books are now available within the main entrance of school if you need one for your child to work in at home. They will not need different books for each subject - (one for all will do) - and please only take one book for each child that you have.
- d) For children working in the Hub - please bring your exercise book / pack to school each day to work in. Also bring a coat and an 'extra layer' as our ventilated classrooms are a bit chilly.
- e) On Thursdays - a member of the West Lancs Sports Partnership will be working with each of our 4 bubbles. The lessons will be outside - so make sure the children are dressed appropriately on Thursdays...thanks!! Other lessons will be streamed for parents and children to do at home.
- f) Hot School meals will be provided for children who normally receive a Free School Meal (FSM) - or a Universal Free School Meal (Free infant meal). Other children can select a hot school meal when 'booking' their Hub place through the App priced at £2.30 per meal. (Please pay through ParentPay as usual.) Children of course can alternatively bring their own packed lunch from home. Free School Meal Vouchers will be provided for parents / carers who usually receive a FSM - who are **not** attending school at all. If the children come in for at least one day a week the vouchers cannot be issued for the days that do not attend school.
- g) The teachers are putting links to their own recorded lessons on their Class Dojo page for the children to watch and work alongside. Some parents are asking if we are 'Live Streaming' any lessons - and this is a topic we discussed for quite a while during our 'unavoidable closure' day last week.
We decided as a team not to 'Live Stream' lessons for the following reasons:
- Some of our families do not have access to an iPad or computer and watching a streamed lesson on a phone can be difficult.
 - Some of our families have more than one child at home but only have one device to watch the lesson(s) on. If we provide a live streamed lesson - this could clash with others live sessions that older children may be watching - causing difficulties (there are many other Primary Schools not live streaming for this particular reason).
 - A recorded lesson can be played when it is convenient for you - and can be re-played if your child needs to re-cap.
 - Some of our teachers will be recording the lessons at home - and if their own children interrupt etc. it can be stopped and re-recorded. (I know Miss Jagger had to have a 're-take' last week - we could make an 'Out Take' video I suppose.)
- h) I am recording two Worships a week: a Monday Worship and a Celebration Worship. Fr Mark is also recording a Worship which can be played at home.
- i) We have updated our Remote Learning Policy in light of recent changes from the DfE. This can be seen by clicking on the School Policies section of the Website or App.

Other things to do with your child at home:

The teachers have been 'trawling' through some of the websites out there to help parents / carers with their home learning. Mrs Birkby has been especially busy looking at some websites for reading. A list has been put together of ones that we recommend. Click on

<http://tarletonholyltrinity.org/category/headteachers-blog/> for more details.

Our Worship Theme for this Week is...

The Giants of Faith (Jacob and David) - log onto ClassDojo to have a look at this week's Acts of Worship.

Are You Applying for School/Academy Places for September 2021? - Time is really running out!!

It's your last chance... you only have until midnight on 15th January 2021 to complete your application form for a place in next year's Reception Class.

If you have a child who has a 4th birthday between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021, for Lancashire resident families you need to apply for a school place, even if an older brother or sister is already attending your preferred school/academy.

The means of application is via Lancashire's on-line system at:-

www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools (then "Apply for a school place")

It is quick and easy to use and offers an e-mail receipt of all submitted applications. Please ensure that you hit the "submit" button when you are ready to send in your completed on-line application. If you live in Lancashire you can include out of area preferences on your on-line application.

As always...thanks for reading...stay safe...yours sincerely,



Stephen B. Smith
Head teacher

Did you know...

Last year 69 children appeared on our list for pupils wanting to join the Reception class for the following September - this year 71 names are there... They won't all be 'first choice', but I hope we get a full Reception class in 2021!! Don't forget that the closing date for Primary Applications for September 2021 is 15th January 2021 at 11.59pm!!

An Update on Mr Marshall

Mr Marshall would like to send everyone his love and best wishes - but continues to be off school due to losing his son Joseph towards the end of last year. Mrs Lancaster will continue to be part of THT and set work for our Year 4 class in his absence.

A Message from the Marshall family:

Dear all,

Re Donations to Joseph Marshall

Joanna, Daniel and I would like to thank each and every one of you for the cards, gifts, messages and prayers over the last 6 weeks.

Losing Joseph has been the hardest thing ever but the love and positivity shared by friends, family, our church and the THT community has been a real comfort.

In life, Joseph gave out a great deal of love and joy -and his compassion for all shone through. We are so grateful to everyone who has given so generously to support the 2 projects we have chosen. The first project will be Joseph's Well, which will provide life giving water in Kiyindi, Uganda in the general area around the Makonge School that THT has supported in the past. We hope also to have additional money to help support another project in the area which will be overseen by the charity International Needs.

Secondly, we hope to support the amazing work of the charity Young Minds, providing support for young people struggling with their mental health. The total raised - to be shared between the projects- is an amazing **£23 647**. Wow! Wow! Wow!

We are so grateful that in death, just as in life, Joseph will continue to support many in need. Thank you all so much for your support.

Joseph's friend, Brendon, has also raised an additional **£700** for MIND in Joseph's name!

Life will never be the same for us and we are struggling to get our heads round it all... but we worship a God of love, truth and justice and we are clinging to the promises that God has made to us.

Phil, Joanna and Daniel Marshall

This is the link to the photo presentations from the funeral if anyone would like to see them.

<https://drive.google.com/.../1KKHm9hDwuullCRBZ6O8zeQVxSDI...>

Psalms 100 GNB

“Sing to the LORD, all the world! Worship the LORD with joy; come before him with happy songs! **Acknowledge that the LORD is God.** He made us, and we belong to him; we are his people, we are his flock. Enter the temple gates with thanksgiving, go into its courts with praise. Give thanks to him and praise him. **The LORD is good; his love is eternal and his faithfulness lasts for ever.**”