

*Our vision: Creative learning, personal achievement and happiness.
Enabling everyone to flourish and to live life in all its fullness.*

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Dear Parent / Carer,

RE: Welcome back! First day of the new school year.

I hope that you have all had a lovely summer and have enjoyed all the sunshine. Tomorrow, we look forward to welcoming you all back into Shankhill as well as welcoming our new starters to Shankhill. We are excited for the new school year and how everything is looking more normal with classrooms set out with a fuller range of resources, activities and interests as well as new and current friends to return to play with.

I write to confirm our plans for school from tomorrow. School is set up in a more familiar and engaging way for learning with new additions to each class for indoor and outdoor learning. We will continue to follow the government's new guidance about how schools should operate which can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak>

Our risk assessments have all been updated and will be made available to read via our website. On the following pages you will find a copy of the latest school guidance on what to do if your child has symptoms or is unwell. Please retain this for future use.

Within Shankhill we will encourage:

- ✓ Good hand hygiene – soap, paper towels and sanitiser are available across the school site.
- ✓ Respiratory hygiene - the 'Catch it, bin it, kill it' approach continues to be very important when people cough or sneeze. Tissues and lidded bins are available in all rooms.
- ✓ Ventilation and outdoor learning again.
- ✓ Regular cleaning of areas and equipment with a particular focus on frequently touched surfaces and toilets/sinks.
- ✓ Staff continuing with voluntary Lateral Flow Testing until at least the end of September.
- ✓ Restricting access to the school site where possible to reduce congestion and because we feel that our current systems work well at the start and end of the school day. We will review this during September. All staff are still available for you speak with. We have more time at the end of the day and so prefer then where possible.

With this in mind, we look forward to welcoming you all back on Thursday, 2nd September at 8:45am (school buses) or 8:50am (cars). Please note that the gate will close at 8:55am to enable everyone to settle and learning to begin promptly at 9am. All pupils can be collected from the main gate at 3:30pm. A letter about clubs will follow on Friday. Breakfast club is again available from 8am.

You should all have received a letter via email last week reminding you of our school uniform. A copy can be found here. https://www.shankhill.cumbria.sch.uk/uploads/231/Uniform_Letter_Aug_21.pdf

We ask that all pupils, including Nursery, bring their red Shankhill School **Book Bag** to school with them every day. Please retain the shoulder strap for when you hang it on your coat peg.

"This school continues to be good... maintains good quality education... pupils gain a sense of achievement from their lessons... they display excellent attitudes towards their learning... behaviour in lessons and around school is impeccable... Staff are welcoming and inclusive... strong Christian values are promoted well... (results) well above that of other schools nationally" Ofsted 2019

Staff "strive to ensure that pupils are happy, while making education fun and enjoyable." Parent View 2018



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We also ask that all pupils have a **waterproof coat** (preferably with a hood) in school every day. These can be kept in school, if more convenient.

For health and safety reasons, we do not allow children to wear jewellery to school, except for small studs and watches. Pupils must be able to remove and reinsert their own stud earrings for PE and swimming.

In warmer weather, please bring a sun hat and apply sun lotion before school. Ordinarily, we are only outside for 15 minutes in the morning, around 40 minutes at lunchtime and 10 minutes in the afternoon, so one application may well be sufficient.

Swimming Lessons in September 2021 - Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 only

As a result of COVID restrictions that were in place, swimming lessons are now in a two week block for Y4, Y5 and Y6 and will start on Monday 6 September and finish on Friday 17 September. Children will travel on the bus (Telfords) from school for the swimming sessions, which will take place each morning at The Pools in Carlisle, and we will return by bus in time for lunch. Mr Neil and Miss Boyd will accompany the pupils.

All pupils will require at least a one piece swimming costume or swim trunks/short shorts; a towel; a bag.

Bikeability

Bikeability training for Year 5 and 6 will start on Monday 20 September and Year 3 and 4 will also have a session with the Bikeability leaders on Thursday 23 September in the afternoon. All children taking part will need to bring their bike to school on Friday 17 September and no later than 9AM on Monday 20 September. More details will follow in September.

I hope that this information helps you in preparation for our return to school. We are very excited to see you tomorrow!

Yours sincerely



Lynnsey Batey
Head Teacher

Covid-19 Outbreak Management Plan – Sept. 2021

Advice for parents and staff

<p>When should my child self-isolate or miss school?</p> 	 NO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All children MUST attend school unless they are ill. ● From 16th August 2021, children under 18 (or double-vaccinated adults) do not need to self-isolate or miss school if a member of their household or a contact, has Covid. ● Instead, they will need to book a PCR test but can continue coming to school so long as they have no symptoms, and the test result is negative.
	 YES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● If your child develops Covid symptoms at home, they should <u>stay at home</u> and should book a PCR test), NOT a Lateral Flow test. ● If your child develops Covid symptoms at school, they will be sent home and you should book them a PCR test. ● If your child tests positive for Covid, they will need to self-isolate. The rest of the household does not need to self-isolate if they are under 18 or fully vaccinated – but instead should book a PCR test.

Community Covid Risk	Description	Actions
 Low Community Transmission. No School Cases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● There have been no cases of Covid within school for 10 school days. ● Cases of Covid locally are low and/ or stable. ● Hospitalisation/ Deaths due to Covid nationally are low. 	<p>No Covid measures are necessary beyond:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reminding children of good hand-hygiene. ● Ensuring good ventilation encouraged where practical. ● Ensuring Children / Staff to stay at home if they have Covid Symptoms (and to book a PCR test). <p>Staff will continue to test themselves using Lateral flow tests until the end of September.</p>
 Rapidly Rising Community Transmission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No current Covid cases have been recorded at school, but... ● Cases of Covid are rising rapidly in the community causing disruption to other local schools. ● Local Public Health team/Public Health England issue warnings of expected local/ national infection wave. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ventilation of classrooms increased & hand-washing supervised. ● Large indoor public performance audience numbers reduced or event postponed. ● Staff-room capacity is reduced. ● Whole-school assemblies are replaced with Key Stage assemblies. ● Clinically Vulnerable staff meet with Line-Managers to review their individual risk assessment & discuss additional protection (e.g. use of face coverings, reduction in movement between classes/ groups).

Number of Cases:	Description:	Actions:
 <p>A single child tests Positive</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A single child tests positive for Covid in a class. • There are fewer than 5 cases in the year group. • No other year groups are affected. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The child self-isolates for 10 days. Remote learning will be provided if they are well enough to complete. • The parents of the child are contacted directly by NHS Track and Trace to establish likely contacts. • Likely contacts will be contacted by NHS Track & Trace and advised to book at PCR Test. The school will contact parents to advise this if close contacts are known. • Children do not need to miss school or self-isolate whilst they wait for the result of the PCR test unless they have Covid Symptoms.
 <p>5 children or staff or 10% of the school population who have mixed closely within a year group or across the school who test positive within 10 days of each other.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There have been 5 cases or 10% of children/staff with Covid who are likely to have mixed closely within 10 days which could mean that Covid is spreading within our school. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As above for each positive case. • The school will discuss the outbreak with the Public Health team and agree strengthening protective measures including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Re-introducing staff face masks for corridors & communal areas. ○ Adapting, limiting or postponing indoor sporting events, trips, open days and performances. ○ Reverting to video-link assemblies in classrooms. ○ Reducing the number of classes staff work across. ○ Resuming twice-weekly Staff Lateral flow testing.
 <p>Covid cases continue to increase rapidly within a 10-day period.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Despite the measures indicated above, Covid cases within the school continue to rise within a 10 day period with multiple classes and staff affected, suggesting that Covid is spreading widely throughout the school. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incident Management Team meeting held between the school and local Public Health team to agree further measures, <u>for a further 10 school days</u>, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Re-introducing class bubbles. ○ Reverting to class-based school lunches. ○ Limiting all non-essential visitors to school. ○ Postponing all non-essential events. ○ Re-introducing remote learning for individual classes for 10 school days considered, as outlined above.

The school will inform parents of any changes to Covid-19 measures should these be needed.